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Iran threatens customers who switch to cheaper oil

The two-tier pricing structure by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries may lead to cuts in oil sales for the 11 members who raised prices by 10 per cent. Iran, one of the 11, faced with a 10 per cent cut is threatening to put customers on a black list if they do not keep to their buying quotas.

Black list warning to 25 buyers

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Exporting Countries (Opec) who decided to increase oil prices by 10 per cent from January 1, is in danger of losing one tents plans until it was known how of its expected oil sales this much additional oil would be of its expected oil sales this year because of a cut in the requirements of 25 customers.

The National Tranian Oil Company (NIOC) said yesterday in a statement from Teheran that this was due to undercutting by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, the two Opec members which fought for .

a 5 per cent price increase at last month's meeting in Doha.

But NIOC gave a warning that customers who did not meet their purchase contracts would be put on an Opec black list and the Iranian Government would take any action it deemed

Iran is the second of the price hawks to face a cut in oil pro-duction as its customers switch to cheaper supplies from Saudi Arabia and the UAE. On Tues-day, Mr Abdul Mutalleb al-Kazemi, Kuwait's oil minister, said a number of buvers had asked for reduced quantities of

crude oil this year.

There was speculation that pressure of this kind might lead to bigger discounts and other forms of unofficial price cutting among the 11 as the difficulties of working a two-tiered pricing structure became apparent. It would be difficult to work such a system unless the members of the 11 street among them-elses to our production by more, then the amount Saudi Arabia and the UAE increased their

There were also suggestions that pressure op countries who put up their prices by 10 per cent could lead to early demands for an emergency meeting of the organization to hrash out a pricing compro-

sources in London a number of fran. one of the 11 members companies are sounding out the of the Organization of Petroleum producers about the effects of producers about the effects of reducing their liftings from the

available from Saudi Arabia. After the Opec meeting in Doha last month, Shaikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, announced that the 8.6 million barrel a day pro-duction cailing would be lifted giving buyers access to 11.6 million barrels of oil.

Since this statement, how-ever, there has been no positive indication from the Saudis of available and how it will be offered to customers. This subject is undoubtedly being discussed at talks in

London between Shaikh Yamani and the four American oil companies who still have 40 per cent stake in the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) which operates all the Saudi oilfields.

In Teheran yesterday, NIOC said ir had 25 new customers who had agreed to buy 1.2 million barrels of crude oil a day in 1977 but were now taking only 693,000 barrels a day. Iran would reduce its oil production because of the curback.

The oil company said it had notified the 25 new customers

that it was raising the price of trude oil by 10.4 per cent from January 1. The customers had protested and demonded lower ell prices, the company added. The 25 customers were not named but sources in London the Iranians to reduce their prices had come from Japanese

buvers. British Petroleum holds a 40 per cent stake in the Iranian consortium but has little access to the cheaper crudes f Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Australians sending Britain bill for buried nuclear waste

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Australia is to ask the British

£1m secret

Slater group,

Shares and cash worth up to film were siphoned from a Singapore company into a pri-

vate investment company for the benefit of Mr James Slater

and some of his executives, it was alleged yesterday on the first day of an application by

the Singapore Government to extradite Mr Slater and Mr

Richard Terling, a former exe-

Ar Robald Waterhouse, QC, appearing for the Singapore Government, told Mr Kenneth Barraclough, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, that by the time the private company was wound up Mr Slater and Mr Tarling had each been paid \$700.000

Mr Waterhouse said: "This secret profit, made not only by Mr Slater and Mr Tarling but

by other Slater, Walker execu-

rives, was never disclosed to

other shareholders or directors.

It was simply pockered."

Mr Slater, aged 47, of High
Beeches, Blackhills, Esher,
Surrey, faces six charges connected with the private com-

pany, which was called Spydar Securities Ltd. Mr Tarling, aged 42, of Church Road, Wim-

man of Haw Par Brothers Inter-national Ltd, the company that

supplied the cash and shares,

faces 17 charges involving Spy-dar and two other companies. At the beginning of the hear-ing, for which 11 working days have been allocated. Mr Water-

house said the application dwelt on events that occurred

after Slater, Walker gained 46 per cent of the shares of Haw

Par in 1971. That company was

holding varied but the execu-

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Mr Ronald Waterhouse, OC.

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By Stewart Tendler

after the nuclear test at Monte Bello and subsequent experiments at Maralinga, South Australia. The discovery of a specific consignment, reported to be 41 kilograms of plutoburied in shallow nium trenches though in lead boxes, is causing the main concern. Thought to be from a nondetonated atomic bomb, would be more concentrated than norami nuclear waste.

right information.

The extent of the waste dis-

ing comes from secrecy over defence matters. Nevertheless. the waste accumulation associated with weapons tests has been buried at Monte Bello, Emu and Maralinga. A plea for more information has been made by scientific, conservation and environmental groups who have also formed a "uranium mora-

torium" movement.
Mr Frank Muller, a member
of the Regional Environment Centre in New South Wales, and a representative of the moratorium group, said yester-

issue publicly and to assess improvements in waste dis-posal, new safeguards for the non-proliferation of weapons material and other issues caus

ing anxiety. The campaign, he said, was being extended through environmental and conservation organizations to halt shipments of 9.000 tonnes of uranium over the next few years for United States, West German and Japanese nuclear power stations. Proposals to open new

uranium mines in Australia, which would increase the country's dominance as a supplier of this ore, were also being

Sickness 'link with farm chemical?

New York, Jan 5

A medical study of more than 1,000 people living in Michigan has found that nearly one in three were suffering ill-health effects possibly caused by a toxic chemical that accidentally contaminated the state's farm produce in 1973.

The chemical, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB), used in manufacture as a fire retardant, was accidentally mixed in animal feed, which was widely distributed in Michigan.

Preliminary findings of the study by a New York medical team were presented this week to Governor William Milliken Michigan. The findings are in sharp contrast to those of the Michigan Department of Health study of PBB-exposed farm families in 1974, which found no sign of ill-health related to the chemical.

Dr Irving Selikoff of Mount Sinai Medical Centre, the head of the New York team, urged immediate intensive follow-up studies both to clarify the effects of PBB on people and to find a drug that would speed elimination of the chemical from the body.

Governor Milliken told a

yews conference in Lansing yesterday that he would ask the state's health department to review Dr Selikoff's findings and recommendations and determine what, if any, steps should be taken.

It seemed unlikely, however, that the state would do anything further until the Sell-koff team produced more final results. Since analysis of PBB levels in the blood and fat have been completed for only 10 per cent of those examined, the team cannot yet relate the

levels of the toxic chemical.

However, Mr Milliken and
Mr Bobby Crim, Speaker of
the state House of Representatives, agreed that the permitted level of PBB in foods should be drastically lowered.

But lowering the level now would be like closing the stable door after the horse, since there are now only negligible Continued on page 5, col 3

Much of the misunderstand-

Government to recommend and pay for long-term safety measures to protect 800 tonnes of radioactive waste, left over from weapons testing and buried at three sites in Australia. The request from the Australian Government does not satisfy some anti-nuclear groups who are pressing for removal of the waste to Britain. The material originates from military work by the Atomic

A request for records of all the material is being made by

According to the Foreign Office in London yesterday, the Australians know all there is to know about the waste already and only last month had checked to see they had the

posal operations is beginning to emerge from investigations by a network of regional environ-ment centres ser up by the Australian Government. On the mistaken belief that some of the wastes are by-products of Weapons Research Establish the Ministry of Mines and the wastes are by-products of and a representative of the ment, Aldermaston, when it Energy, South Australia, and British nuclear power stations, was part of the United King- by other agencies as a matter the more anxious anti-nuclear day that a five-year moratorium dom Atomic Energy Authority. of urgency. They want strict groups are demanding that it be









Wilson team named for review of City's role

Financial Editor

There was a subdued response in the City yesterday when the Prime Minister announced the composition of Sir Harold Wilson's committee to "review the functioning of the financial institutions ". Many were disappointed that no market specialist or mer-

chant banker was among the 17 names.

Mr Ian Fraser, chairman of the City Capital Markets Com-mittee, said that it was a "notable and regrettable" omission that no direct representative of the securities industry had been included. He also regretted the absence of a company lawyer on the committee.

Mr Robert Fell, Chief Executive of The Stock Exchange, said that on balance The Stock Exchange felt the com-

reasonable team ". general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers; Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs; and Mr Leif Mills, general secretary of

the National Union of Bank Mr Jenkins and Mr Mills, because of their unions membership in the financial sector, are closely involved in the controversial debate over Labour Party proposals to nationalize major banks and insurance

Academics on the new com-mittee are Professor Ralf Cork, Senior partner in W. H. Dahrendorf, Director of the tauts; Mr Richard Lloyd, chief London School of Economics; executive of Williams and

Fairbairn Professor of the Eco-Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, is one of four prominent trade union figures in the list. Others are Lord Allen of Fallowfield, sense of the University of Structure of Fallowfield, sense of the University of Structure of Fallowfield, sense of the University of Structure of Structure of Structure of the University of Structure of Struc at Balliol College, Oxford; and Dr John Mitchell, Reader in Economics at Nottingham Uni-

> Representing interests in the business and financial world are Mr Gordon Bayley, director, manager and actuary of National Provident Institu-tion for Mutual Life Assurance; Mr Zachry Brierley, chairmen of a North Wales engineering business and a mem-ber of the Development Corporation for Wales: Sir Kenneth Bond, deputy manag-ing director of the General Electric Company; Mr Kenneth

chairman of Unilever Ltd : Sir John Prideaux, chairman of National Westminster Bank : Mr Hugh Stephenson, Editor of The Times Business News; and Mr Arthur Sugden, chief executive officer of the Co-operative Wholesale Society. Its terms of reference are to inquire into the role and

of financial institutions in the United Kingdom and their value to the economy; to review in particular the provision of funds for industry and trade; to consider what changes are required in the existing arrange-ments for the supervision of these institutions; including the possible extension of the public sector, and to make recom-The committee could take bout two years to complete its

Financial Editor, page 17

Tangshan earthquake 'killed over 650,000'

Hongkong, Jan 3.—The South liminary statistics showing that China Morning Post, quoting what it called a secret Chinese Communist Party document, said today that 655,237 people and 700,000 others had suffered example of the careful to the careful said today that 655,237 people died in the earthquake which devastated the northern Chinese city of Tangshan last July. No official death toll has been

given for the earthqueke which struck the coal-mining centre. But Chairman Hua Kuo-feng said last month that it caused death and destruction on a scale "rarely seen in history Western observers in Peking toll at 100.000.

tionary committee. It said the document was tabled at an emergency conference on relief in the province last

August. The document quoted pre-

The earthquake, which occurred on July 28, virtually destroyed Tangshan, an industrial city with a population of 1,500,000 about 105 miles south-

east of Peking. It also wreaked extensive damage in Tientsin, China's third largest city, with a population of 4,300,000. The Chinese Government declined ail offers of foreign

The greatest recorded loss of

life from an earthquake occurred in China more than 400 years ago, on January 23, 1556. An estimated 630,000 persons were killed then in Shensi The next highest death toll

the historical records was

One dead and 54 hurt as school buses and a coal lorry crash

A man died and 54 people, most of them children, were injured in a crash in which a roal lorry rolled over and the side of a school bus was ripoed open, near Mansfield, Noringhamshire, yesterday.

The man who died was the distance of the form driver of the lorry, Mr Matthew Garrland, aged 34, of White Road, Staveley, Derbyshire, who

was trapped in his vehicle.

A second school bus was involved. Both were taking chil-dren from the colliery villages Bilsthorpe and Eakring to their comprehensive school at from Mansfield, for the start of

the new term.

The crash occurred at Python
Hill, Rainworth, and the police said it might have been caused by the greasy road surface. Three miles of the A617 was blocked for nearly six hours, and heavy lifting gear was called to clear the wreckage

Sixteen children and one of the bus drivers were still in hospital last night. Two of the children were in the intensive care unit at Mans-

the intensive care unit at Mansfield General Hospital. They are Evelyn Shepperson, of Saville Road, and Kevin Henson, of Church Street, both Bilsthorpe. The driver, Mr Albert Elliot, of New Street, Huthwaite, Nottinghamshire, was seriously injured.

A hundred children were travelling in the two double-deck buses. Firemen worked to free some of them from the wreckage while doctors gave pain-killing drugs. A public house was turned into a tem-porary hospital.

A senior policeman said: The scene was like a bartlefield. Children were wandering across fields in a state

shock."
Mr Brian Wilde, an ambu-lance officer from Mansfield,

said one bus looked as though it had been hit by a bomb.

The top deck had come crashing down on the lower

Trevor Weldon, aged 15, of Saville Road, Bilsthorpe, who was in the second bus, said: "Glass shattered everywhere. One boy had a piece of glass in his eye.™

Motorway crash. Ten people were taken to hospital after a coach overturned and crashed into the central barrier on the M4 near Chippenham, Wilsshire.
They were the only occupants
of the 45-seat coach, which was
returning to Maidenhead, Berkshire, from Bristol.

Two seriously injured passen-gers were detained in hospital at Swindon. They are Mr Peter Watson, aged 32, of Westwood Green, Cookham, Berkshire, and Miss Philippa Breakspeare, aged

Mr Benn orders rapid inquiry on gas blasts By a Staff Reporter New messures, or improve

well known in the Far Fast for the manufacture and marketing Until Slater, Walker withtive direction of Haw Par was in the hands of executives from Secretary of State for Energy, and Sir Denis Rooke, chairman Slater, Walker, They were paid of the British Gas Corporation. not by the Singapore company but by Slater. Walker, although It appears that the inquiry is being established swiftly in order to reassure worried gas they had the benefit of a Continued on page 2, col 3 users and to ascertain whether new safeguards are needed.

The usual procedure in such cases would be for British Gas to complete its investigations into the incidents before the Department of Energy decided whether any further inquiry was necessary. However, Mr Benn has moved swiftly, bypassing that procedure. The type of inquiry is also unusual, since it will be carried out for both the department and the

corporation, not for the depart-

ment alone. The inquiry panel of three will be chaired by Dr Philip King, senior lecturer in chemical engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Another member is likely to come from British Gas. The inquiry's report will be presented to Parliament and

published as soon as possible. The inquiry is asked to examine all the circumstances surrounding the recent incidents at Bristol, Brentford, Beckenham, Bradford and else-where, and "to establish the extent of common factors that may have been present against the background of statistics re-Photograph, page 3 serious gas explosions."

An immediate inquiry into ments in existing procedures or the recent gas explosions was systems, which might help to reduce the severity of such incideuts will be considered The total number of serious

gas explosions in 1976 is no yet known, but up to the end of November there had been 89. There were 75 such explosions

Mr William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, has argued that people fail to report gas leaks for fear of being heavily charged for repairs. British Gas said yesterday that more people than usual were reporting possible leaks. No charge is made for check-

ing meters, or pipes carrying gas from mains to meters or gas from mains to meters or for carrying out necessary repairs. But a charge may be made for repairs to a customer's appliance or to pipes between it and the meter. Ethylene explosion: Six people

were injured when an ethylene gas cylinder exploded in a wholesale fruit warehouse in Huddersfield yesterday. Mr Harry Studd, aged 49, of Bradford, who was working in the freezer section when the blast occurred, was badly burnt and taken to hospital, where his condition last night was satisfactory. Five office workers escaped with minor injuries and

A girl aged 11 months died in an explosion that wrecked her family's semi-detached house in the village of Roberton, Strathclyde. It is believed to have been caused by a leak in a liquid particular age. in a liquid petroleum gas sys-tem used for heating.

Airline cuts the price of holidays

By Pagricia Tisdall

British Airways, the stateed airline. se Sovereign and Enterprise holiday services are the third largest in Britain, said yesterday that it was re-ducing some holiday prices by between 8 and 13 per cent.

The offer, which will be heavily advertised, will apply to between 15,000 and 20,000 bolidays booked between bolidays booked between January 10 and March 31 for departure between April 1 and June 30. The discounts of £10 to £20 on brochure prices will apply to holidays in several countries, including Spain, Portugal Italy, Greece, Kenya

> The airline is also extending until further notice its "no surcharge" guarantee which was to have covered only holidays booked before the end of this month. Like the rest of the holiday

trade, British Airways has suf-fered a sharp fall in bookings. It says they are down by about a fifth compared with last year. The launching of the scheme was brought forward in response to an offer last week by Thom son Holidays to freeze prices. British Airways said last night that hoteliers, particularly in Spain, Portugal and Italy, had cooperated in the

discount plan by giving price

concessions. Tour operators, airlines and hoteliers are worried about the trend towards booking as little as 10 days before departure. Until last year, most summer holiday inclusive-tour bookings were made before the end of

February.

Tour operators say they need early bookings to plan seat and room allocations and control ash flow. They are prepared to

cur prices to get them. Several last year sidestepped an Association of British Travel Agents' rule to prohibit price curting, but the rule is expec ted to be dropped shortly.
Thomson Holidays has been offering discounts on some tours since last summer, but the British Airways scheme is the

largest of its type and comes

much earlier than any previous

price-cutting offers. World cruise: More than 1,200 people set sail from Southamp ton last night on an 86-day cruise round the world. It is the only sailing of its kind from Britain this winter. They paid between £1,187 and £7,171 for the cruise in the P & O flagship Canberra, which will take them to 21 ports in five continents.

Consolation for Mr Humphrey

Washington, Jan 5.—Mr Hubert Humphrey, the Demo-cratic Party's elder statesman who was denied this week the job of Senate majority leader. was given an unprecedented consolation post by the party's senators today.

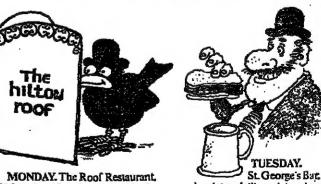
They agreed to name him

" deputy president pro tem " of the Senate, ranking just behind the longest serving Senator, Mr James Eastland. He will thus be a member of the congres-sional leadership group that advises the President.

had earlier estimated the death The newspaper quoted what it described as a classified document of the Hopei province parry committee and revolu-

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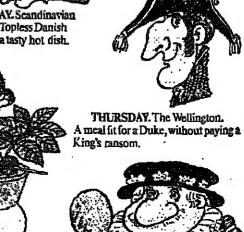


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Talks on pit retirement in difficulties

Talks on the miners claim for early retirement have run into difficulties. Miners' leaders were told by the coal board that the Government would not provide money to allow pitmen to retire before the state retirement age. But the cost board made its improved offer which would allow recirement phased down to 60 by 1980 after 20 years' service underground, with a starting date when the incomes policy ended. There will be further talks today Page 2

Two soldiers hurt in Belfast shooting

Two soldiers were seriously wounded in a gunfight in the republican Turf Lodge district of west Belfast. Two men, one wounded, were arrested. Earlier the Ulster Volunteer Force said it was ending its ceasefire, which it says it has observed for 12 months

EEC gap widens

Mr George Thomson, the ontgoing Emopean Commissioner for regional policy, has criticized the EEC's farm policy for widening the gap between rich and poor areas. Page 4

New safety check on lift system

The use of 73 so-called Paternoster lift installations in Britain that have not had new safety devices built into their systems by next September will be prohibited, the Health and Safety Executive said. Stringent checks are also to be made on the lifts every six months instead of once a year Page 2

England in control

England seem certain to win the second Test match today in Calcutta and take a 2-0 lead in the series. India's batting failed on a crumbling wicket for the second time. India reached 145 for seven wickers in their second innings and still need 21 runs to avoid an innings defeat John Woodcock, page 6

Dearer car cover

General Accident, the largest United Kingdom motor insurer with more than one million policies, is to increase premiums on private cars by 12 per cent and on commercial vehicles by 14 per cent from February 1. Page 15 Economic block

Resolutions on the agenda for a con-

ference of the National and Local

Government Officers' Association reflect

mounting opposition in the union move-ment to the Government's economic

Page 2

policies.

Loan repayment cuts Britain's reserves

Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currency fell by \$1,027m last month to \$4,129m. The fall was caused by the repayment of \$1,545m borrowed from nine industrial nations under the special stand-by agreed during the summer. There was some improvement in the underlying position, however, and the Bank of England was able to buy back some of the foreign currency it sold earlier in the year

Soweto schools open Black students in Sowero began going back to school after months of unrest in the Johannesburg township, raising

hopes that the new term would bring

a return to normality. Police kept their pledge to stay off the campuses Page 6 Gambling fever: Separate betting shops for those who just want to place a bet and for gamblers who need the excitement of race commentaries are proposed by the Churches Council on Gambling 3

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The TUC-Government pay restraint policy will face a crucial test next week when Britain's fourth biggest union

considers demands for an end to the social contract.

The white-collar National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), which has 625,000 members, will discuss militant demands at a one-day conference in London on Janu-

Public-sector unions such as Nalgo are clearly reflecting mounting union disenchantment with the Government's econowith the Government's economic strategy. The blue-collar National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) will hold a one-day strike in Witshire on January 18, which, because of backing by the National Union of Teachers, may cause some schools to close.

The executive of Nalen will

The executive of Nalgo will propose a stiff resolution to the conference demanding alternative economic policies in line with the TUC approach. The resolution urges bans on overtime where there are positive redundancy proposals, and encourages members to refuse to perform duties attached to

vacant posts.

But 67 amendments to the resolution have been tabled by branches, most of them demanding a tougher stand against the continued attack on public expenditure and living standards. Several make an outright call for withdrawal from the pay policy and the social contract; others demand a recalled Trades Union Congress.

The Tower Hamlets, London, branch says that by failing to introduce alternative economic policies, to reduce unemploy-ment or to maintain the social wage, the Government has demonstrated its unwillingness to keep its side of the social contract. The TUC should be recalled and support for the vailing in 1972, adjusted for social contract withdrawn, it inflation".

Figures released today by the Department of Employment show that in the 10 years from 1966 the United States lost

more days than Britain through

industrial disputes for every 1,000 people employed.

Based on information supplied by the International Labour Office, the figures indicate that when American pundits refer to the "English

sickness" the pot might be calling the kertle black.

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says. Any other form of wage control should be opposed. Similar demands are voiced in veral amendments. Warwickshire County Council branch says bluntly that "in view of the broken pledges by the Government Nalgo is no longer bound by the social con-

Lambeth branch goes farther, with a demand for withdrawal from discussions on wage restraint and the social contract with the TUC or the Government. Glasgow district branch says the social contract are larger binding because is no longer binding because of the Government's failure to maintain employment levels and

expenditure on social services. Demands for industrial action are made by several branches; Hammersmith calls for an increasing national campaign against the cuts. Islington wants vigorous opposition to natural wastage, early retirement, freezing of posts and voluntary or compulsory redundancy, and suggests a ballot on calling a one-day national strike.

Nearly all the amendments, in one way or another, attempt to put more muscle into the executive's resolution, which begins by expressing deep concern over the continuing high level of unemployment and felling lights standards. and falling living standards.

If, as is possible, the conference agrees on a more mili-tant resolution, the Government may be faced with the strongest active opposition yet to its economic strategy in general, and its reductions in public expenditure in particular.

The strongest demand for action comes from the Middlesex Polytechnic branch, which calls for a national strike of Nalgo members from March 1, to continue until the Comment to continue until the Government "agrees to reverse its policy of cuts in public expenditure and to restore public expenditure to the levels pre-

the department's own findings

last month that strike activity in

every 1,000 people employed compared with 1,270 the previous year, it was Britain's best year since 1969.

The figure represented a 75

per cent improvement on 1972, when 2,160 days for every 1,060

Six-point Tory plan for the economy

By Our Political Staff Fresh legislation even on apparently desirable objectives such as worker-participation in management, should be given low priority at a time when Britain needs to concentrate on the present of charges. the removal of obstacles to initiative and enterprise, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the shadow Chancellor, said at Leirester yesterday. He listed five oner elements in a Conservative eco

elements in a Conservative economic strategy:

1 The "cats-cradle" of controls
needed to be hacked away, along
with the complexities of the tax
system. In that spirit the Conservative Party would soon publish
proposals for simplifying the
effect of VAT, particularly on
small enterprises.

2 The balance of the tax system
needed to be shifted from direct
tax to indirect tax.

tax to indirect tax.

3 The existing "reverse yield gap" between work and memployment had to be transformed, and the Conservatives were workand the Conservatives were working out a tax-credit system.

4 Urgency must be given to
encouraging smaller businesses and
the self-employed. "Too much
of today's activity by Government amounts to a programme for
job-destruction in the independent
sector, which is in no sense offset
by the make-work job-creation
programme of the present Government."

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5 All who earned must be given a personal interest in the growth and investment of profit and its subsequent exploitation. The time subsequent exploitation. The time had come to back words with deeds "in spreading ownership in enterprise and industry". The Conservatives would soon publish proposals for discussion with industry, unions and financial dustinations. The aim was to spread ownership "to millions of people in a way that state socialism neither can nor ever will".

Sir Geoffrey said that he was sure the British people were yearning for an opportunity to respond to a wealth-creating, job-creating programme of that kind. Everyone who was not a left-wing socialist should be

the Conservative Party's friend and ally. US lost more working days than Britain

strike.

manufacturing industries in Britain is not widespread.

The number of days lost through strikes in Britain dropped by 57 per cent in 1975, compared with the previous year. With 540 days lost for the previous of the previous of the previous year. table Britain comes eleventh in the decade from 1966 to 1975, with an average of 775 days lost for every 1,000 working people. Switzerland, at the top of the table, lost an average of only one day for every 1,000 employees during the same period.

For the similar period, excluding 1975, for which no figures are available, the United States lost 1,337 days, Australia 1,036 days, Canada 1,849 days and Italy 1,766 days. The figure for Japan was 247 days.

In the international league

With a week to go before the Commons begins the committee stage of the devolution Bill, some Labour backbenchers are urging the Government to have second thoughts about including Wales and Scotland in one measure. They have said that the Government might face early defeat unless the issues are sensuated.

are separated.

The Conservatives seem likely to get some support from dissi-dent Labour MPs from Wales and England when they move their amendment to delete their amendment to delete Wales from the Bill, and the margin might be narrow. The vote will come on an official opposition amendment tabled by Mr Pym, who is leading for the Conservatives on devolution. The Government is confident that it can best off this first

attack because a referendum will enable the people of Wales to speak for themselves. Mr Abse, Labour MP for Pontypool, one of the Bill's epponents, said yesterday that

there were many reasons why Kingdom", should be deleted.

a government of any perspication in its place they want to city should recognize the big insist that the Bill "shall make a government of any perspica-city should recognize the big political difference between Wales and Scotland. To assuage chamour from Scotland it was not necessary to push on with proposals for Wales where the

demand was weak.

"Next week the Government has the opportunity to get off the hook in Wales and proceed with the Scottish devolution", he said. He expects many who abstained on the second reading to vote for the exclusion of Wales, knowing that a separate Bill for Wales is not ruled out if public demand warrants

Among 60 amendments pub-shed vesterday is one from lished yesterday is one from Miss Harvie Anderson, Conser-vative MP for Renfrewshire, East, Mr Maurice Macmillan, Conservative MP for Farnham, and other anti-develutionists, asking that the effect of the Act, defined in clause 1 as being to "make changes in the government of Scotland and Wales as parts of the United

no changes in the government of the United Kingdom and

tion of Scotland and Wales only
after one referendum or more
has been conducted . . ".

Other Conservatives, led by
Mr Gardiner, MP (Reigate),
propose that no change should
be made until after a national
referendom in which one ques-

tion would ask: "Do you want the changes in the government of the United Kingdom described in the Scotland and Wales Act to take effect?" A related amendment states that the Act would not have effect unless a majority in such a referendum voted for it.

Those Conservatives who want Parliament to continue as

the supreme legislature, including Miss Harvie Anderson and

Mr Graham Page, Conservative MP for Crosby, put forward a proviso that "no provision of this Act shall be used to alter the process whereby laws are made for the United Kingdom.".

shall not affect or be construed as affecting the supreme authority and competence of Parliament." They propose that the Bill's purpose shall be to "alter the local administration of Scotland and Wales only is sitting". The unplication is the Scottish assembly "Shain not meet on any day other than a Monday on which Parliament is sitting". The implication is that the assembly will be a branch of Parliament, to which Westminster MPs could be elected. Most Scottish MPs travel to Westminster on Monday evening.

day evening. Another amendment seeks to provide that if Parliament at Westminster objects to a mea-sure's being considered in the Scottish assembly it shall have power to stop it.

About three hundred amend-

ments have been tabled for the committee stage. Many hun-dreds more are expected, and it seems almost certain that the Government will have to use the guillotine to get the Bill through in the time allotted.

nature of terrorist action and is always higher after attacks

have resulted in death or injury to children.

It is understood that the in-crease in information has been divided almost equally between loyalist and republican commu-

throughout Northern Ireland to

bring areas of army command into geographical line with the

The reorganization is being

conducted under the personal direction of Sir David House, the GOC, and is regarded in

government circles as a vital step towards restoring the primacy of the police over the

province's 15 police divisions

Labour MPs want Wales out of home-rule Bill Pit talks on early retirement hit snags

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By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Labour Editor

Talks on the miners' early retirement claim ran into difficulties last night. Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers were told that there was no government money to finance a scheme allowing pitmen to retire before state retirement age.

retirement age. Miners' negotiators left the mmers negotiators left tile talks angry at the stringent terms placed by the National Coal Board on an improved scheme which would allow men to leave the industry. The dis-pute may yet go to the Prime Minister, after union warning that the Government is standing in the way of a deal.

The coal board yesterday put forward a compromise formula that would bring down the retirement age for colliers to 60 by 1980, provided those eligible had 20 years' underground service.

ground service.

Initially, the scheme would be voluntary, but open to review after a year. The starting date would be "as soon as possible" but entirely subject to pay restraint rules under the TUC-Government income policy.

The latter ruling is causing serious dispute among miners' negotiators. The full executive of the NUM meets this morning before a second round of talks with the coal board on the

It was also learnt yesterday that an important military re-organization is in progress The most surprising interven-tion in yesterday's talks was a statement read by Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the coal board, that the Government had ruled out a capital injection into the industry for the intro-duction of early retirement for miners. Sir Derek told the union: "I believe this is a

strong response from the gave way to cynical amusement when the coal board finally produced its improved offer.

pleted. Instead of pulling out a complete unit, as in the past. sma)! numbers of men are being withdrawn from different areas. Body recovered: The body of a Government's warning that no money was available to finance any part of an early retirement scheme. "But we do not take that as the last word", he said. During yesterday's negotia-tions the NUM executive voted 14 to 11 for any early retirement scheme to become compulsory after an initial 12-month volunwas serving with The Royal The first opportunity would come for pitmen aged 63, and the objective was to reduce that figure to 60 by 1980.

Lift system without safe devices banned

From Arthur Osman

The Health and Safety Executive said yesterday that it will prohibit the use of any of the 73 so-called Paternoster lift installations in Britain that have not had new safety devices incorporated by next September. In future they will be checked every six months instead of once a year.

The lifts were made by J. &

E. Hall, of Dartford, Kent, but the division of the company that made them has been taken over by the Otis Elevator Company, which is doing all the repairs. It works in conjunction with factory inspectors and said yesterday that no more lifts would be installed in Britain because new EEC codes of practice would insist on landing doors

for all lift systems. Although few in number, the Paternosters, so called from their resemblance to rosary beads, carry millions of passen-gers each year in tall buildings such as universities, hospitals, and other public buildings in their continually moving walk-on, walk-off platform cars.

In recent months, it was learnt yesterday, the 73 installations have been the subject of comprehensive, unpublicized checks, and many were found defective. All now have to be certified that they have been checked and examined as safe for use by surveyors of com-panies in the engineering sector of the insurance market. mainly The inspections involve correction of alignment

the condition of brackets at the top or bottom when the plat-form cars change direction Last year the factory inspec-torate ordered all Paternosters

in the country to be taken out of use until exhaustive checks had been made on their condi-tion. That came after a fatal accident involving a girl student Some now back in use have satisfied inspecting engineers,

satisfied inspecting engineers, but a representative of the Health and Safety Executive said yesterday: "It is known that several have been taken out of use permanently because their owners had deep suspicions about them." Others are undergoing repair, including three at undergoing

Birmingham Polytechnic and the city's college of food and domestic art. Two can be repaired on the spot but the third, at the polytechnic's commerce centre, described yesterday as being in dangerous condition, will not be ready for nine months and will cost £31,000 to put in order. It serves the area between the third and tenth floors of the 11-storey building.

An insurance company representative said yesterday that generally the safety record of the lifts had been good.

A draft technical data memo

Air-raid film

A disclosure in a programme

on independent television last night by Professor R. V. Jones,

But Mr Anthony Cave Brown, who suggested in a recent book, Bodyguard of Lies, that Churchill knew about the plans

to bomb Coventry, said in the

United States yesterday that he was not retracting. He said that Churchill made the agoniz-

ing decision to sacrifice Coven-

try so as not to disclose to the

Germans that their top secret code had been broken by British

Sir David Hunt, who was a

chief intelligence officer later

in the war, and later still pri-

vate secretary to Churchill, said

yesterday that Professor Jones's disclosure "refutes out of any

question the taking of an anguished decision by Chur-

Sir John Martin, private secretary to Churchill at the time and from 1941 his prin-

cipal private secretary, said that

Professor Jones's remarks,

which were reported in The

Times yesterday helped to show that the allegations were not

Professor Jones's account is

Protessor Jones's account is contained in a Yorkshire Television film shown on the independent television network last night, He said that because British intelligence had decident the smalled

cause british intenigence had deciphered the so-called Enigma code Churchill was aware four days before the raid that a large attack on England

The target was not known until 5.30 pm on the day of the raid. Attempts to jam the radio beams failed because of incorrect measurements of

correct measurements frequencies given to him.

was being planned.

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By Robert Parker

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random from the factory inspectorate now in circulation lays down new requirements, including the fitting of additional safety devices by next summer. But it allows the use of Paternosters at present, pro-vided they have been certified

Two soldiers injured in Belfast shooting

From Christopher Walker

The Provisional IRA pro-vided further evidence yester-day of its new year pledge to intensify the campaign of vio-ience in Northern Ireland. During a gun battle in the republi-can Turf Lodge district of west Belfast, where anti-British feeling is highest, two soldiers were seriously wounded by IRA sniper fire. Already this year one soldier has been killed in an IRA ambush.

Yesterday's incident occurred during the afternoon and involved a joint mobile and foot patrol. After an exchange of shots soldiers arrested two men. one with a bullet wound in his hand. They recovered an Armalite rifle, an automatic pistol and a sporting rifle. By early last night three vehicles, including a bus, had been hijacked in the area.

Earlier it was disclosed that the Ulster Volunteer Force, the outlawed "loyalist" paramilioutlawed "loyalist" paramili-tary group, had decided to drop the self-imposed ceasefire, which its members say they have kept for 12 months. It claimed responsibility for recent bombings in Belfast, describing them as part of a campaign against the Govern-

ment's decision to abolish special-category prison status for terrorists. Since the foundation of the peace movement last August the number of calls made by anonymous informants through the confidential telephone network has increased by a weekly

average of 15 per cent.
The Government believes there is a direct link between the growth of the peace cam-paign and the willingness of ordinary citizens to provide information to the authorities. But use of the confidential tele-

soldier missing after an army helicopter had crashed into a river near Portglezone, co Antrim, on Monday, was recovered yesterday (the Press Association reports). The soldier was Sergeant Michael Patrick Unsworth, aged 31, married with two children, from Winchester.

Hampshire Regiment.

Mr. Paul Keating, aged 52, Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary in Dublin, is to re-place Dr Donal O'Sullivan as the Irish Republic's Ambassador

Mr Kearing has served as ambassador in Nigeria and West Germany. Dr O'Sullivan is Germany. Dr O'Sullivan leaving at his own request.

Pop singer's staff fined on drug charges

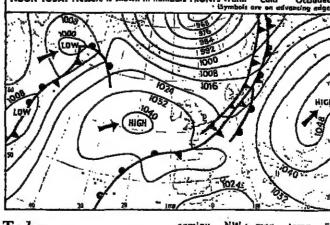
Four members of the en-

night by Professor R. V. Jones, a wartime scientific intelligence adviser to Winston Churchill, that attempts were made to jam the radio beams that guided the Luftwaffe to attack Coventry on November 14, 1940, has been welcomed as evidence that Churchill did not knowingly sllow the city to be bombed without taking defensive action. managers, sound engineers and technicians, were arrested in a

Glasgow, on Tuesday.
After the hearing yesterday it was stated that Mr Stewart was

Robin Le Mesurier, a road don: Stephen Zelenka, aged 13,

of obstructing the police. She posing of evidence, the e'e-phoned to rooms occupied by London; Patrick Logue, aged 26, other defendants and said: "This is Doris. The drug squad



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(22.7ft). Avonmouth, 7.34 am.
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(42.1ft). Dover, 11.30 am, 6.4m
(21ft): 11.51 pm, 6.6m (21.6ft).
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6.48 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Liverpool, 11.43 am, 9.1m (29.8ft).

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NE England, Burders, Edin. burgh and Dundee: Mainly dry, sunny spells after early mist; wind W to NW, moderate; max temp 5°C (41°F), frust later.

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showers on hills, bright intervals; wind W, strong, gale in places; max temp 4°C (39°F). max temp 4°C (39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Dry and rather cold in many parts, overnight frost and fog, rain or sicet in far N.

Sea passages: S North Sea.

Strait of Dover. English Channel (E1; Wind SW fresh, becoming N, light to moderate; sea moderate.

St George's Channel. Irish Sea: Wind NW, moderate or fresh, sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm. 7°C (45°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am. 4°C (29°F). Humidity, 6 pm. 94 per cent. Ran. 24hr to 6 pm. 94 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm. 0.21. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm. nil. Bar, mean sea Jevel, 6 pm, 1.030.2 nillibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



Officials will take pleasure people employed were lost. The from the figures, which bear out 1972 total was the highest since strike by

iournalists By Our Labour Staff

The first strike in connexion with a claim under the con-troversial schedule 11 of the Employment Protection Act begins today at a big London publishing house. Members of the National

Union of Journalists at Mercury House are taking action for conditions comparable to those in other magazine publishing houses in the London area. They want six months' minimum redundancy compensa-tion; sick pay of 13 weeks' full pay and 13 weeks' half pay; a post-entry NUJ closed shop; The IEA must be given credit their courage when crying in and a commitment to job-grading with a view to estabmust be respected for the lishing an acceptable salary structure and manning level. quality, consistency and rigour of its approach to the treatment

The strike, which is official, was notified to the management 28 days ago. Mercury House of its approach of private industry. Fablan Tract, 1968 These new radicals are Jacobin publishes trade and technical magazines, Pickets will man the entrances to Mercury House Brian Walden, 1969 today.

There is still confusion about schedule 11, and the Mercury House journalists are among the first to submit a claim to the Advisory, Con-ciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

The schedule, which the Confederation of British Industry has condemned for its inflationary implications, seeks The IEA . . . for many years could be dismissed as a crank outfit . . . its ideas now have a much wider currency . . . the Labour Government is by no means immune from them. to end pockets of low pay by giving unions a right to claim equality in pay and conditions with similar workers in com-parable industries in the same

districts. Mr Hugh O'Neill, managing director of Mercury House, said in a staff circular that the action was an irresponsible attitude "as it obviously jeopardizes all our livelihoods and prejudices

our futures".

He said he would not give a minority of staff benefits that it would be impossible to give everybody. If all the demands were met it would mean that a number of publications would cease to be viable. "I cannot believe that the

people concerned are naive enough not to realize the consequences of their actions. I wonder therefore if there are political reasons behind a strike of this nature", he said. Attached to the circular is an unsigned paragraph about Trotsky and Lenin, which ends: "To stand on the traditions of Lenin and Trotsky can only mean supporting the dictator-

snip of the proletariat and the machinery of terror which it

pas required in every Marxist state ever established. Is that compatible with membership of a democratic party? Mr O'Neill said last night that some days ago he offered to refer the issue to Acas, but the union refused. He believed that the paragraph about Lenin and Trotsky had been quoted from an article in The Daily

Unequal pay Slater extradition court told of Haw Par deals

Continued from page 1 generous share scheme with

Haw Par. Mr Waterhouse said the case concerned Slater, Walker's trusteeship of Haw Par and its subsidiaries. "The conduct fell lamentably below the required standards", he said.

The application for extra-dition followed an investiga-tion by English inspectors called in by the Minister of Finance in Singapore. Mr Waterhouse said Singapore law in relation to company directors and their duties was based on English law, although in some instances it was in advance or

clearer. The law of other Commonwealth countries had been drawn upon, but basically Mr Waterhouse said: "What is wrong in London, and what is wrong in London is wrong in Singapore

Mr Waterhouse said the charges covered three aspects of the conduct of Haw Par. They were: the history of Spydar Securities; the formation and conduct of Melbourne Unit Trust along with its impact on the accounts of Haw Par, and an offer made by Haw Par to acquire the remaining issued share units of a company called Motor and General Under-writers Investment Holdings

Dealing with Spydar Securi-ties, Mr Waterhouse said that early in 1972 Haw Par bought seven million shares in a com-pany called Kwan Loong and Co (Hongkong) Ltd. The price was 1.20 Hongkong dollars a share and Mr Waterhouse said: " It is important to stress that the total amount of over eight million dollars for the shares was to be satisfied by the issue of one million new shares in

Haw Par." The purchase rook place in February, 1972, and the next month a subsidiary of Haw Par (Hongkong) Ltd bought 6,230,000 shares in King Fung Development Co Ltd at a cost of 2.85 Hongkong dollars a share. After those two purchases 10 after those two purchases 10 per cent of each amount bought was siphoned off at the buying prices. In June, 1972, Spydar Securities received more than 1,300,000 shares. Mr Water-liouse pointed out that by that time the entire holding in King

From Harry Golombek

Most of the games in the seventh round of the Ladbroke grandmaster chess tournament at

Hastings yesterday were hard lights without many fireworks. After speedy draws between Adorjan and Farago and Rumens and Kaplan, Tony Miles was un-able to make much impression on

the American grandmaster. Tarjan. He had to agree a draw in a level

ending after 27 moves.

Hastings

Fune shares had been

again.
"What was in fact transferred to Spydar was the money, which was over four million Hongkong dollars", he said. The profit in favour of this private investment com-pany for the benefit of Slater, Walker executives was over two million dollars." Many of the Kwan Loong shares were sold and by the time the shares were transferred to Spydar their value had riseo 15 times. They eventually

realized more than nine million Hongkong dollars, compared with a cost price of \$870,000. Mr Waterhouse said: "The total profit made by Spyder Securities for the Slater, Walker executives exceeded \$11m". He said Mr Slater received his share through Esher

Investments Ltd. The amount was more than 52m. Mr Tarling received slightly more because he had some loan Mr Waterbouse said: "In Singapore the definition of a

director of a company includes a person on whose instructions directors are accustomed to act." He also noted in passing that Slater, Walker had been involved in "providing of false contract notes of sales of

Mr Waterhouse turned to the Melbourne Unit Trust. In 1972 sales of the shares of Kwan Loong and King Fung created a profit of 36 million Hongkong dollars. Haw Par Brothers (Hongkong) had realized S22m for its King Fung shares, and Kwan Loong shares had been sold for \$14m. During that period the shares had also been transferred to the Hong-kong company. kong company.

Mr Waterhouse said the name

was changed and the directors of Haw Par Brothers Inter-national formulated a plan to keep the profits secret and use them as a reservoir to help the main company's profits.
The Melbourne Unit Trust was created and shared almost totally between two companies. Below the trust were another two companies with the reservoir of profits. Mr Waterhouse said: "The reservoir was used to present a false picture of increased profits between 1972 and 1974 for the Haw Par

The reservoir was used sent a false picture of sent a false picture of sed profits between 1972 1974 for the Haw Par hearing continues today.

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The Brown declares that the Chief Constable of Coventry at the time, who was responsible for civil defence, was never warned of the attack.

The raid killed 554 people, and seriously injured 865. The hearing continues today.

British players do well at Hastings The other British players all did world champion to resign in 27 out conceding defeat in any of The attraction of the day was undoabtedly the meeting of the two Russiaus and it turned out to be anything but the conventional draw that many onlookers might have been expecting. Smy slow was guleto of slight inaccuracies in the opening which Romanishin exploited relentiessly to expose the king and force the former

world champion to moves.

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more ambitious claim for retirement at 60 now reducing to 55 by mid-1980.

Cabinet decision."

His statement provoked a Army on security.

As a result the cut of 500 in the number of British soldiers, announced before Christmas, has not been completed for the complete of the co miners' negotiators, but their early feeling of dumbfoundness Mr Joseph Gormley, the miners' president, admitted that they had been told of the

> tary period. That flew in the face of the board's proposal that it should be voluntary for a year, and then subject to review. In full, the coal board proposed that miners with 20 years' service underground should be allowed to retire if they wanted.

Four members of the entourage of Rod Stewart, the pop singer, were fined at Glasgow Sheriff Court yesterday when they admitted possessing cannabis. Eight others were remanded on bail to appear for trial in June. The 12, who included road managers, sound engineers and technicians, were arrested in a Robin Le Mesurier, a road don: Stephen Zelenka, aged 18, of Nicholas Way, London; Willewst Brompton, London, was liam Peak, aged 36, no fixed address; Arthur Kemish, aged free Park Road, Haringey, 21, of Roseneath Avenue, Winchmore Hill, London; and Keith Drinkwater, aged 26, of Norwich Road, Manchester. Manchester, were each fined the policy of Ferme Park Road, Haringey, 21, of Roseneath Avenue, Winchmore Hill, London; and Keith Drinkwater, aged 26, of Norwich Road, Manchester. Mrs Mary Tyler, aged 28, whose address; was given as civil Albany Hotel, was accused of obstructing the police. She

police raid at the Albany Hotel,

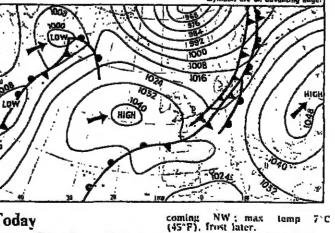
ported, but was staying at the Turnberry Hotel, near Ayr.

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Mr Peter Buckland. colm Cullimore, aged 29, of Beck Lane, Beckenham, Greater don; Patrick Woodroffe, aged are in the hotel. Get rid of the 22, of Brook Green Road, Lon-stuff,"

Seven who pleaded not quilty pleaded not guilty. It was to similar charges were: Mal-alleged that, with a view to dis-

Weather forecast and recordings



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SW England: Occasional owers, bright intervals; wind to NW; max temp 9°C

Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Scattered showers, bright or sunny spells; wind W to NW, moderate; max temp 6°C (43°F).

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HOME NEWS _

Churches say 'action' gamblers need separate betting shops

There should be separate berting offices for serious gamblers who want to "get lifto-the action" and for punters who just want to have a bet, the Churches Council on

the Churches Councillation Councillation Churches Councillation Councill In evidence to the Royal Commission on Gambung, puolished yesterday, the council says that these two types of gambling are different experiences and require separate

The "acrion" gambler needs the excitement of the race commentary. The other kind of punter merely wants somewhere where he can place a bet and return leter to pick up

The betting office atmosphere, including commentaries, serves as an incitement to bet on more than one race and even non-gamblers feel that influence. "Action gambling is continuous and circular. The transmitted voice (of the commentary), itself unexcited and unexciting, excitingly bears out the rhythm ", the council says. The conditions which pro-

vide the necessary medium for action gamblers constitute a stumbling block for those who wish only to have a bet, and become a vehicle of disaster for compulsive gamblers."

The council accepts that if premises were to be set saide for "action" betting, as it proposes, "they would probably become gambling hells. We recoil from that prospect,

14% acquitted of rape later convicted

By Our Medical Correspondent Men charged with rape and acquitted are just as likely to commit sexual offences as those convicted, it appears from a follow-up of all those charged with the offence in England in 1961. The survey was part of a research project organized by Professor T. C. N. Gibbens, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London.

His team examined the sub sequent progress of the 207 men convicted and the 59 acquirted in 1961. About a quarter were charged with offences against children; 12 were reconvicted, six for indecent exposure.

Among the adult rapists the reconviction rate was 12 per cent; 14 per cent of those acquitted in 1961 were later convicted of sexual offences.

One man, however, was acquitted on three occasions. but for some that is what betting offices are now." The memorandum of evidence suggests that "action" betting premises could be subject to

an admission charge to ensure that those who enter do so as There is also a need to pre-pare the social, health, probation and after-care services to deal with the casualties that would almost certainly follow

from the introduction of separ-

ate "action betting.

The council proposes the establishment of a general Gambling Board which would be an independent national supervisory body, with divisions concerned with the main branches of sambling betting ches of gambling; betting, gaming and lotteries, and with a fourth division keeping under review the connexion between gambling and activities such as the distribution of funds.

The conneil opposes the intro-duction of Sunday horseracing. The use of betting offices on Sunday as well as Saturday would have a devastating effect on the lives of many people and their families", it

says.
It calls for gambling operators to be kept under review. "Large companies in any field of commerce or industry tend to maximize efficiency in the sense of increasing profit margins."

The council also wants to see bingo limited to the traditional "friendly and neighbourly" game. The intrusion of quickershould be illegal, it says.

Lord Goodman attacks dual legal system

Division of the legal profession into solicitors and barristers, created a procedure that was cumbersome, ritualistic and expensive, Lord Goodman said in London yesterday. It took two, three or four people to do the work of one. Addressing the United Lawyers' Association, which believes in fusion of the pro-fession, Lord Goodman, who is a solicitor, said be had yet to

hear a cogent argument for the existing division. He had seen

recent indications of lack of public confidence in the legal System.

One reason why the "battle for press freedom against the closed shop" had been lost was because the unions had respect for the legal system.
We need a legal profession that speaks the language of the people among whom it moves", he said.



The scene at Python Hill, Rainworth, Nottinghamshire, yesterday, after two school buses and a lorry had crashed, leaving a man dead and 54 people hurt.

Social trends 4: Changing pattern of employment

Shift towards public-sector work

every seven social workers employed by local authorities in 1971 there were 10 last year. Employment in the health service increased at an equal rate and the whole public sector offered more than 700,000 additional jobs during the same period.

Probably the most striking growth took place in local authorities, which were administratively reorganized in 1974. While local authority staff increased at an average amoual rate of 80,000 between since 1971 they have increased at a rate of more than 90,000 o year at least until the Central Statistical Office survey last

Work in the public service attracts an increasing proportion of graduates. After an increase from 1971 to 1973, the numbers of graduates entering industry and commerce dropped and last summer there were about two raking such jobs, compared with five work-

port has continued. The change is reflected in the fall in the membership of the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Railwaymen by more than a half since the 1950s. There has been a continuing decline in numbers

surance and banking The characteristics of the employable population changed little. The numbers of unemployed rapidly since 1973, though the proportion of those out of a job for about a fortnight, pre-

enter public sector work should not be exaggerated, increase in recent years in job mobility. Whereas a quarter of since the proportion of the total employed labour force in young workers aged between 16 and 24 changed jobs in public-sector jobs is now only 4 per cent higher than in the late 1950s, when it was just 1972, a third did so in 1974. The section of the employable population in prison has over 25 per cent.

The fall in numbers employed by the nationalized industries of coal and transremained constant since 1970 at about 38,000 men and 1,000

The rewards of work appear be slightly more evenly distributed among manual workers, probably due to a lessening of differentials. The classification of earned income as a whole shows the earnings wives to have become more important. There seems employed in agriculture and have been a reduction in the importance of degrees as a sign of high earnings fishing, transport and manufacturing to the benefit of in-

Work remains a comparatively dangerous place. Last year in the mines and oil processing there were nearly twenty deaths for every 100,000 deaths for every 100,000 employees: 13 in shipbuilding and 17 in general construction. Next: Regions and classes

Former official denies typewriter charge

have climbed

cil, will deny two summonses alleging that he stole or dis-honestly received an electric

Mr Joseph Cooper, former Dovercourt Avenue, Heaton nief public relations officer Mersey, Stockport, was sent for for Greater Manchester Council, will deny two summonses Court on his own bail of £50. Mr Ian Burton, for the defence, asking for press restrictions to be lifted, told the court: "It Magistrates were told yester appears fashionable to bring day.

Mr Cooper, aged 49. of local government to trial at the

My client denies these allega-

Alan Glover, aged 47, of Arnold Avenue, Reywood, was sent for trial accused of stealing an electric typewriter. His solicitor, Mr Geoffrey Miller, said he also would deny the

Union votes urged to counter left

The unions will hold a key role during 1977 in putting the Labour Party into better shope for winning an election the fol-lowing year, according to an editorial article in the January issue of Socialist Commentary.

In particular, it says, they should use their block votes to ensure 2 "rapid clear-out" in the women's section of the national executive committee where the left-wing dominance is impossible to justify.

The journal, a forum for "moderate" Labour opinion observes: "The majority of trade union leaders want, and know that they represent the majority of their members in wanting, a Labour Party that is a thoroughgoing democratic socialist one.
"This means not just a party

where left extremism is com-bated, but also one where the regions supporters, the Tribune group supporters, bave their proper place in the party—which is as one element in the broad spectrum that a Labour Party in a two-party system must cover, but a minority

A good rule of thumb would be that *Tribune* group types should have about a quarter of the places in party institutions the article says. On infiltration of the party by

Militant group Trotskyists, the editorial says there is evidence that the group is organized as a "party within the party".

It continues: "This is, and has been for a long time, con-trary to the party's rules.

Inquiry into In brief

risks of

inoculation

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

The Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Health and the

Attorney General have been asked to investigate fears that children have suffered brain

damage after routine vaccina-

tions, and to establish where responsibility lies if such

damage is proved.
Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, in a

letter to Sir Idwal Pugh, the

commissioner, says that three

hundred previously healthy children have been turned into "human cabbages" by im-

Conservative and Labou

governments have so far re-fused a proper investigation, he

says. Mr Ashley says that ministers

have seemed to suggest that anything to do with immuniz-

ation is a matter for individual

In a letter to Mr Samuel

Silkin, the Artorney General, he says that ar present, if damage to a child can be proved to be due to inoculation, the responsibility seems to lie with individual doctors.

Individual doctors.

That, Mr Ashley points out, has grave implications for doctors. He requests Mr Silkin to give advice about where responsibility lies.

He has also written to Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services suggesting that

Social Services, suggesting that he should establish a compen-

sation scheme for those in-jured and those who may be

WHO teams will

of monkey virus

Teams from Britain and the

patients who have recovered

from "green monkey disease".

They hope to find the origin of the Marburg-type infection.

The mission was approved

yesterday at a meeting in Lon-don organized by the organiza-tion to discuss the recent out-

break in Zaire and Sudan, which killed about 350 people.

Plasma from patients who have

recovered from the disease is the only proved treatment.

It is intended to build up plasma stock. Mr Geoffrey

Platt, the Porton Down research

worker who recently recovered from the disease, will be asked

Scientists said after the two-day WHO meeting that the

origin of the disease remained

to contribute.

seek origin

requested

New colours for bottle tops

Regulations laid before Parliement yesterday extend the existing colour code for milk bottle caps to include sterilized and ultra-heat-treated milk. The regulations come into force on

The new colours for bottle caps are blue for sterilized milk and pink for ultra-heat-treated. Lettering may be black and silver and may be embossed.

Water restriction ends

Yorkshire's last water supply restriction was lifted yesterday. For the first time since September, 1975, people in the south-western division of the Yorkshire Water Authority's area will be able to use a hose washing cars and watering

Police test motor cycle

Surrey police have ordered motor cycles but a decision on the make of the remaining eight gramme will depend on results test runs on the British Triumph Saint 750cc machine.

Pilot escapes crash

Mr Leslie Banks, aged 56, of Ealing, London, escaped with a fractured jaw and face cuts yesterday when the Cessua plane he was piloting crashed into a wood at Stoughton, near Chichester.

Bluebell profit

The privately owned Bluebell railway in Sussex announced yesterday that 1976 has been its most successful year, with 13 per cent more fare-paying passengers than in 1975.

MPs relinquish seats The Chancellor of the Exchequer has appointed Mr Jenkins to the Chiltern Hundreds, and Mr Chrisopher Tugendhat to the Manor of Northstead.

World Health Organization are to fly to Zaire and Sudan to collect blood plasma from

Tunnel tryst Construction men working from the ends of the new Dartford tunnel under the Thames are expected to meet next week 120ft below the middle of the

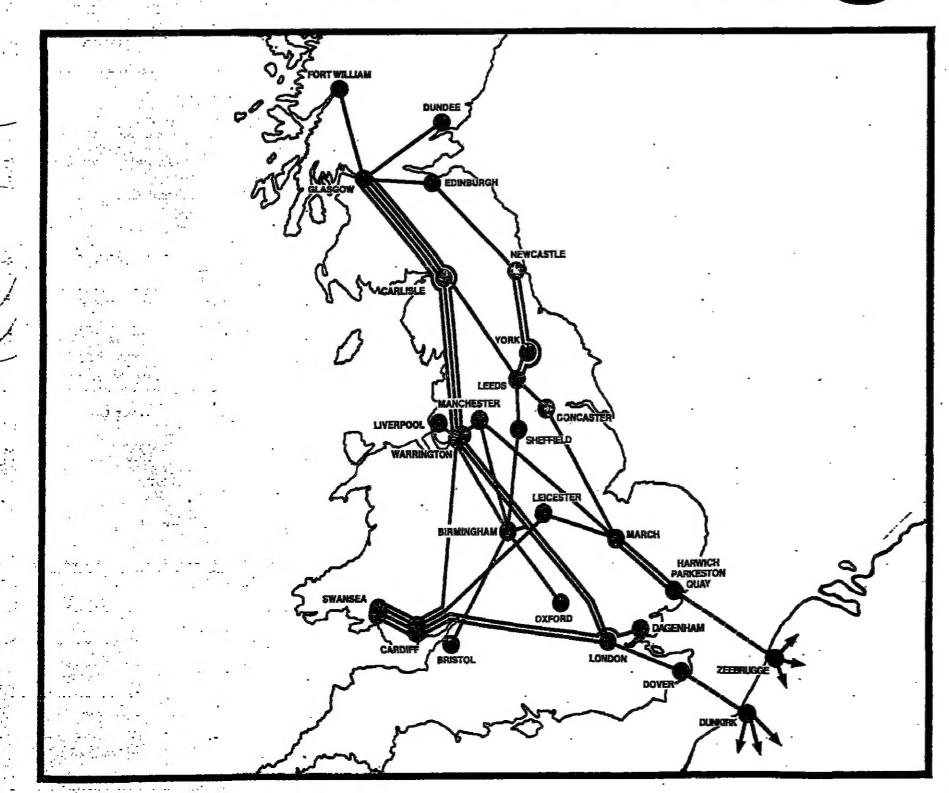
No ' Morning Star '

The Morning Star was not published today because of a dispute with the National Graphical Association over payments for working on the New Year Bank Holiday.

Safari park for sale

Windsor Safari Park is for sale for about £1.5m from the Smart circus family. Offers received include one from Lad-

A New Concept in Rail Freighting



Railfreight is expanding its network of overnight trains. Last October, two new routes were introduced linking Dover and Central Scotland, the Midlands, Tyneside and South Wales. Services now operate from all the main centres shown, including ferry trains direct into Europe. And more are planned for 1977.

It means a new era of daily scheduled wagonload services complementing the established pattern of company "block" trains.

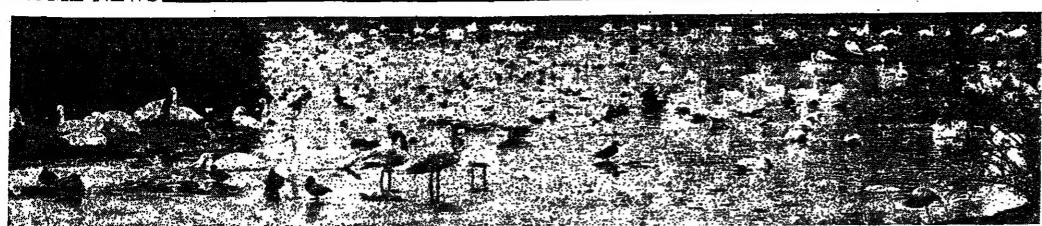
New types of wagons—another thousand have just been ordered—give better riding, can carry greater loads and operate at higher speeds.

TOPS, British Rail's own computer based control system can pinpoint wagons anywhere on the network in seconds.

It all adds up to a new, improved type of service for Railfreight's customers. Faster, strictly controlled and highly competitive.



Railfreight



Tons of grain are arriving at the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, after Sir Peter Scott's appeal for emergency rations to feed these extra visitors.

20 new centres proposed for instructing teachers in modern classroom skills

From Tim Devlin Education Correspondent Madeley, Staffordshire

A national organization and about 20 new centres for educating teachers should be established to improve the curriculum for training teachers, Dr William Taylor, Director of Institute of Education, London University, pro-

He told the North of England Education Conference at Madeley College of Education, Staffordshire, that Britain was paying too much attention to the organization of training institutions and not enough to

The conference was attended by more than 400 leading local authority educationists, head-masters and reachers. Dr Taylor said centres, based at univer-sities and polytechnics, would make the education of teachers more scientific, systematic and effective. They would restore morale to teacher-education.

Systematic training based on research into reaching methods in America and other countries could be given in a range of nationally funded projects, classroom skills, including how teachers' centres, and induction to manage small groups, use of and in-service programmes,

A hint that Stockport educa-

tion authority may be ready to

employ more teachers is con-

tained in a letter it sent to all

Stockport teachers this week.

Members of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of School-

Teachers are refusing to take classes exceeding 35 and to cover for colleagues whose

Women

By Bert Lodge, of

The Times Educational

audiovisual aids and handling children of mixed abilities. Dr Taylor said that despite all the millions of words that had heated the atmosphere around the discussions on the education of teachers since the 1960s not enough attention had been paid to the kinds of skill and knowledge the future would need and how such skill and knowledge could be most effectively communicated.

"The art and science of teacher-education have not advanced as rapidly as they should", he said. The doubling and redoubling of numbers in the teacher-training colleges during the 1960s, followed by equally rapid and demoralizing run-down on the 1970s, had not been conducive to thoughtful reflection. Millions had been spent on setting up agencies to develop and research the school curriculum, but next to nothing had been spent on analyzing and improving the teacher-

education curriculum.

At a time when such needs were being recognized, at least in primary and secondary teaching, through a network of nationally funded projects, teachers' centres, and induction

Their action is a protest at Stockport's poor pupil-teacher ratio, which is next to the worst at primary level among the country's 104 education

Mr Laurence Harmon, director of education, said that up to noon yesterday he knew of 85 secondary and 65 primary pupils who had been advised

to stay at home.

The NUT said its members were operating sanctions in 95 primary and 18 secondary

equivalent provision was lack- two bodies would collaborate on ing for the training of the prac- many issues. ners themselves.

To overcome that weakness in the next few years centres for teacher-education were needed. They must offer opportrended. I ney must orrer oppor-tunities for staff engaged in every aspect of educating teachers to have access to books and specimen teaching mate-rials, to discuss their work with colleagues from other institu-tions, to debate with writers and research workers in fields and research workers in fields of inquiry, to evaluate the suc-cess and limitations of their courses, and generally to build up the morale of teach-educa-tion eroded by developments since 1972.

The universities should give a lead in establishing the centres. They had specialist education libraries and other necessary resources, but a national organization was needed to cover all institutes of higher education and committed to improve the education of teachers.

There was already a Univer-sities Council for the Education of Teachers, but an equivalent body was needed for the public sector, covering the polytechnics and other colleges. The

The letter, which went out

on Tuesday, reprints a resolu-tion passed by the education committee last week authorizing

the chairman and director of

education to spend extra money if necessary to ensure the well-being and education of children

"We are not quite sure what this means". Mr John Gray, NUT senior vice-president and

head of a Stockport comprehen-

sive school, said yesterday, "but it may mean that the authority is ready to bring in supply teachers more rapidly."

affected by the dispute. .

Area of big classes may get more teachers Conferences

"But in addition to those national-institution-based organizations we need what might for want of a better term be called a 'learned society' in advention on a branche base. education on a broader base ference on Studies in Educa-tion, an organization of univer-sity professors which publishes papers on education and holds conferences.

Earlier Mr Gordon Rattray Taylor, author of The Biological Timebomb and The Doomsday Book, warned the conference hat the grown or violence, kidnapping, terrorism and other forms of crimes and antisocial behaviour was leading Britain along the path to a police state.

The police could control the situation only by introducing very severe restrictions on liberty. They might have to introduce identity cards and data banks containing intimate details, such as small crimes and illnesses. They might have to register people's movements, and arrest and search people's home indiscriminately. There were already signs of that hap

on education

Seven one-day regional con-ferences will be held during February and March to give parents, teachers, local authori-ties and industry an opportunity

The conferences, organized by

the Department of Education

and Science, will be chaired by

departmental ministers. Trade unionists and representatives of

regional and diocesan organiza-tions also are being invited. Mr

Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, will hold a conference in Wales in March.

The first conference will be held at the Civic Centre, New-castle upon Tyne, on February 18 and will be chaired by Mrs Williams, the Secretary of State

the names of chairmen in

parentheses, will be held as

February 24: Yorkshire and Hum-herside; Bradford College, Brad-ford (Mr Oakes, Minister of

March 2: North-west; County Hall, Preston (Mr Oakes). March 11: Eastern; Peterborough (Miss Jackson, Under-Secretary of

March 18: Midland; Birmingham

(Mrs Williams).
March 25: South-east: London
(Niss Jackson).
March 29: South-west: County
Hall, Exeter (Mr Oakes).

The conferences will be in

four sessions dealing with the

curriculum, educational stan-dards, the relationship between school and working life, and implications each of those has

for teacher training.

The department will publish a paper early in February as a basis for discussion at the con-

ferences. It will take account of

the comments received by the department in talks on the annotated agenda published on November 17.

for Education and Science.

follows:

planned

to discuss education.

Consumer groups seek **EEC** food price curb

By Hugh Clayton Consumer groups issued a Community are decided. They united demand yesterday for say a full devaluation of the cuts in EEC dairy prices and a green pound would add a tenth freeze on those of cereals, sugar to British food prices. and beet. The unprecedented appeal from 20 organizations was timed to convince the Government of organized shoppers' bitterness about the fixing of food prices in the

Community.
Mr Michael Young, chairman of the government-appointed National Consumer Council, said: "The common agricultural policy has operated almost exclusively in the interest of producers." He will lead a team hat will present more demands to Mr Silkin, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food,

The groups are opposed to any devaluation of the green pound, the device through which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling, without changes in prices.

They want EEC prices for dairy produce to be cut now. and again in the next few years, and those of beef, sugar and cereals to be frozen because each is in surplus. Central support for cereal prices is costing the EEC £750,000 a day, it is argued, and an end to "mountains and lakes which are consumers" demanded.

The groups include the Consumers' Association, the Child Poverty Action Group, Help the Aged, the National Council of Social Service and the National Association of Women's Clubs. Their arguments will strengthen the hand of Mr Silkin in opposing the customary spring increases in Community farm

Potato producers blamed for profiting from adversity

ing from the difficulties of shoppers and are now too optimistic, a leading Norfolk grower said yesterday. Mr David Richardson, chairman of the Loddon farmers' cooperative, said at the Oxford Farming Conference: "Clearly, and these interests are description." and there is no use denying it, most potato growers have profited from consumers adversity, and at present prices it has not finished yet.".

But with normal weather and yields home supplies later this year might be the same as in 1973, with consumption much lower after the droughts and high prices of 1975 and 1976. Mr Richardson foresaw growers having to feed potatoes to cattle because nobody wanted them. "Potato growers are living in a fool's paradise which cannot last", he said.

The conference was marked vesterday by unease about farm-ing policy, Mr R. Cawthorne, managing director of North

about future '

University staff feel despair, frus-

But we are not poor in any

other way. We are immensely rich in ourselves, in our skills and in our individualities, and nowhere more so than in our uni-versities."

and equipment for school chil-

From John Chartres Manchester

Potato producers are profit-ing from the difficulties of cooperative in Britain, said EEC monetary rules were allowing beef from the Irish Republic to reach Aberdeen at 43p a pound and from West Germany

to reach Plymouth at 44p. The British beef price was 50p. British meat producers should try to export, especially to other EEC countries. There would be encouragement to increase the number of sheep in Britain by at least a twentieth if EEC markets could be entered.
Mr Alec Vedeniapin, a dairy

farmer from Dyfed, said there were signs that the Government knew the importance of farming in national recovery, even though some sectors had been treated badly.

"Pig-keepers have been

betrayed to a most monstrous degree", he said. "If we take as an example what has happened to the pig-keeper we might as well put an asp to bosom and make an end

University staff | Minister sees 'worrying danger in

Bill of Rights By a Staff Reporter Arguments for a Bill of Rights were criticized yestertration, and worry about their future, according to Sir George Kenyon, chairman of the council of Manchester University. day by Mr Peter Archer, the Solicitor General, addressing an international conference of

students in London.

A Bill of Rights would widen the framework of rules for all authorities and give courts additional powers to step in and decide that an official, local authority or Parliament had broken

He would rather entrust his freedom to politicians respon-sive to the electorate than to

of Manchester University.

In an address to the university of man address to the university of the period of the stimulus of change, of travel, of international and national intercourse". Stagnation and petry economies "froze" their souls. The nation as a whole felt that sense of oppression. "As an industrialist with wide international interests I feel it myself, and so do all my colleagues," he said. "But there is no point in sitting down and complaining about it. The country is in a mess. We are poor in money terms and we are not paying our way." But we are not paying our way. judges tied to a framework of specific rules. Mr Archer ruled out coalition governments. He told the conference, organized by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, that it would be disastrous if parties did a deal behind the electorate's back.

"Parliamentary democracy is a blunt instrument, but in its blunt way it enables the electorate to say whether they like the Government they have or whether they want to turf it out at the next election."

Fewer in local

The number of locul government employees in Scotland has fallen by about three thousand out the estimated annual wage bill has gone up by £11,500. according to a survey published by the Scottish Joint Manpower Watch Committee. The decrease was wholly in

government Welsh Office investigation was

damaged by subsidence. The association estimates that total association estimates that total insurance payments for 1976 will be about £60m and that individual claims may range from £2,500 to £35,000. In 1975 the average claim was £2,500, and an average excess of £400 had to be paid.

If a house is not insured for subsidence the householder may still be able to claim commensastill be able to claim compensa-

tion for repair costs from the National House Building Council, if his house is less than 10 years old. Subsidence mainly affects houses on clay subsuit. When the ground is very dry the clay contracts and shifts.

Pensions at 60 petition A million people have signed

ter. West, hopes to present the petition to Parliament in the early spring.

WEST EUROPE

Widening gap between rich and poor blamed on EEC's farm policy

Brussels, Jan 5 fund is striving valiantly to narrow the widening gap between rich and poor areas, the Com-munity's agricultural policy is

"The blunt truth about the Community's present farm policy "according to Mr George Thomson, the outgoing European Commissioner for regional policy, "is that it is anti-

Mr Thomson, who was created a life peer in the New Year Honours, said in an interview with The Times: "Whether you look at the division of total agriculture expenditure between countries, between regions, within coun-tries or between districts within regions, the story is the same. The rich farmers get richer and

the poor, poorer."

A recent study carried out
by analysts in the Commission
shows that between 1954 and 1972 the total Community sub-sidies from agricultural and all other funds amounted to £30,2 per head in Italy, then the poorest country among the EEC's six member states, compared with nearly £53 in France and some £91 in the Nether-

In the new Community of the Nine, the picture is much the same. In 1975, for example, the average per capita spend-ing from that part of the Com-munity's budget which is spent on supporting farm prices was E9.2 in Italy, compared with E35.6 in Denmark, £21.4 in the Netherlands and £12.9 in

In that year Italy, with 38.5 per cent of the Community's total farm labour force, received only 18.75 per cent of the EEC's agricultural support

By contrast rich Holland, with an agricultural labour force share of 29 per cent, received 10.27 per cent of the funds. In 1975, agricultura consumed some 70 per cent of the Community's total budget. In the case of the much smaller "guidance" part of the farm budget, which is designed specifically to modernize and rationalize inefficient farming

techniques, "funds inexorably go more to the better-off regions and less to the poorer regions Mr Thomson said. In West Germany, for example, the comparatively rich and well organized agricul-tural areas of Schleswig-

Holstein and Lower Saxony together took two thirds of total restructuring grants paid to Bonn with less than 20 per cent of the agricultural labour force and 35.5 per cent of agricultural area. The much more inefficient

agricultural region of North Rhine-Westphalia received 4.36 per cent of the grants for a labour force of 11.7 per cent per cent of the total.

The main reason for this anti-regional bias. Mr Thomson said, is that often the Community's share of a grant is a mere 30 per cent and the rest has to be found elsewhere.

"Usually it is the richer agricultural regions that can out up the rest of the grant. So you find to a striking degree that even inside Italy it is the rich wheatlands and ricelands of the north that get the cash and the poor Mezzogiorno luses

Mr Thomson has been waging a forceful campaign to ensure that the Community's regional policy, which has got off to a year tenure of office in Brus- farm policy is anti-regional.

sels, does not wither on the branch after his departure. Under the new leadership of Mr Roy Jenkins, one of the Commission's most important talks this year will be to breathe new life into the regional and social funds, which are up for review in

Mr Thomson feels that bigger and better regional and social funds are not enough unless they are made part of a coherent strategy to encourage convergence of the national economies of the Nine. Every community policy he argues. Community policy, he argues, whether it be tariffs or agriculture, trade or aid, must to monitored closely to see whether it closes or widens the regional gap.

This aim can achieved, he mai achieved, he maintains, greater coordination among members and departments of the new Commission. "I hope it will be possible", he says, "to see the job of the new regional commissioner in a wider coordinating role than has been available to me. has been available to me. nas been available to life.

Now that the regional fund is set up I think the next step is to make sure that the regional commissioner is seeing

the Commission as having a coordinating role on the way other funds operate in terms of their regional impact.

"Then the second associated

consideration, that goes along with that, is the very real need when the Commission is putting forward new policy proposals in any field to take full conscious account at the time of the regional implications."

The process of renewing the present three-year regional fund of 1,300m units of account tabout £540m) together with the social fund, which both expire at the end of this year will "certainly involve a lor of hard bargaining" among the Commission and member states, he believes. "Thar's inevitable at any time and in the aconomic climate of 1977 it will probably

be a bit harder than usual". In his view, the starting point must be to ensure that the updated regional fund takes account of inflation over the period that has lapsed since t was set up in December, 1974 On this basis, the fund would need to rise to 750m units of account in 1978, compared with

this year's total of 500m units. But naturally enough he hopes that member govern-ments will feel more generous this time than they were during the long bitter wrangle over the setting up of the present regional fund after Britain joined the Community. Once again, a significantly larger fund will depend almost en-tirely on the attitude of the West Germans, who will inevitably have to font most of the



modest start during his four- Mr George Thomson : EEC's

New European Commission. takes office today

Brussels, Jan 5

The outgoing European Commission, headed by M Francois-Xavier Ortoli, its French presi-Mavier Ortoli, its French president, today cleared its desks for its successor which takes the formula to the following the formula vice.

Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, the office under Mr Roy Jenkins, the first British president, to-

During a brief final session on the thirteenth flour of its cruciform steel and glass headquarters building, the 13 members of the old Commission gave their blessing today to a batch of minor decisions still outstanding after their four-year tenure of office. Among year tende of others.

the departing commissioners were Sir Christopher Soames and Mr George Thomson, the

two British members.

Meanwhile, Mr Jenkins and Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the second new British commis-sioner, have taken advantage of their early arrival to meet some of their new colleagues informally and prepare for tomorrow's inaugural session of the EEC's policy-initiating body.

This crucial meeting is due to allocate portfolios among the members of the Commission members of the Commission and draw up its work pro-gramme for the coming weeks. Recent soundings by Mr Jen-kins among his new colleagues have revealed that there is 1:0 shortage of candidates for the the three most sought rifer areas of competence are agriculture, external relations and

culture, external relations and economic and monetary affairs.

Although Mr Henk Vredeling, the new Durch vice-president, still has his eye on the agricultural portfolio, this is now almost certain to go to Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, the Danish member, who has already proved his mertle as acting

member, who has already proved his metrle as acting External Relations Commissioner in the outgoing Commis-

Whatever the outcome, the member in charge of agricul-tural policy is destined for an

From Our Own Correspondent immediate baptism by fire. The most urgent tasks of the new Commission will be to prepare the spring farm price review and to try to sort out the Com-

> long-serving West German vice-president, is keen to retain his present economic and monetary portfolio but this is likely to be handed over to M Ortoli, who as ourgoing president is clearly entitled to one of the more inportant jobs.
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> Herr Haferkamp, who has a

> trade union background, may instead be offered a new post combining his present task of union liaison with social affairs. On the external affairs front, M Claude Cheysson, the French member who has excelled in the development aid realm, is likely to retain his post with special responsibility for the Community's relations with the Arab world.

There remains, however, cousiderable uncertainty about the other foreign affairs portfolio being vacated by Sir Christohper Soames. The general external uffairs post is being contested by Viscount Etienne Davignon
of Belgium and Herr Guido
Brunner, the other West
German Commissioner,
Our Political Staff writes:
Leading members of the Conrervative Bow Group welcomed

revative Bow Group welcomed Mr Roy Jenkins's accession to the presidency of the EEC Commission as "the most senior and experienced politician" who has

ever occupied the post. In a personal letter members of the Bow Group urge him to remember that his cardinal task will be to hold the EEC together in parmership.

The signatories are Miss Heather Weeks, a chairman of the group's European liaison committee, Mr Derek Prag, a consultant on EEC affairs, and Mr Robert Moreland, a management consultant

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Children's homes 'should not he last resort '

By a Staff Reporter

care, except for very young children."

range of research into residen-tial child care, and concludes search; available from National Children's Bureau, 52.95; £2.56 to

When a family breaks down, ren should not necessarily be considered only as the last re-sort, a National Children's

"No organization can funcrion well without confidence in its value", the report says. "This policy must inevitably make it hard for both field and residential staff to do their work without disillusionment. There is no need for residential workers to feel they are offering an inferior kind of the care extent for year yours.

The report reviews a wide

Bureau report says today. It criticizes the official policy of confining residential care to children who cannot be placed

that the past decade has seen little improvement in the field. Perspectives on Residential Child Care, by Hilary Proser (National Foundation for Education Re-

From Trevor Fishlock Cardiff The National Union of Teachers last night welcomed the announcement of a Weish Office investigation into reasons why nearly a third of Welsh

children, compared with a fifth of English children, leave school without qualifications. "Statistics can be misleading, and the position may not be so serious as figures apparently show, but we are concerned that there is a difference be-tween Wales and England", Mr

Mr Prentice to

Mr Reg Prentice, who recently resigned as Minister for Overseas Development, is to speak unight at the National

Liberal Club where he will

argue for a realignment of British politics and a more independent voting system in the Commons.

He said yesterday that the

He said yesterday that the choice of venue for his first public speech since his vesignation from the government on December 21 was not particularly significant. He had ben invited to speak to the Gladstone Club, whose members were mainly Liberals, but he would also be addressing the Tory Reform Group

"I made it clear in my letter of resignation to the

"I made it clear in my letter of resignation to the Prime Minister", he said, "that I would try to help moderate left-of-centre people to have an effective voice, and I shall accept speaking engagements from all democratic parties and groups in order to do a 2.

groups in order to do so."

Liberal club

speak at

Inquiry into why fewer qualify in Wales Kenneth Donovan, education school. There is also the fact officer for the NUT in Wales, that Wales spends less on books

Educationists are divided over the figures. The NUT ratio is worse in Wales than in says that in GCE passes Wales and England are level, and that the figures may be distorted because they are derived from a

10 per cent sample and relate a small population to a very There may be other reasons. Mr Donovan said. Wales was late in introducing the CSE mode three examina-

By Diana Geddes

made by Mr Barry Jones, Under Secretary of State for Wales, in a letter to Mr Nicholas Edwards, Conservative spokesman on Welsh affairs. Mr Jones said the figures did not accurately reflect assessed.

not accurately reflect general standards of attainment of school-leavers in the two tion, which is geared very school-leavel closely to the work pupils do in countries.

No government cash for drought damage

calls for public financial assistance for the thousands of people whose homes have been damaged by land subsidence caused by the drought. While sympathetic to the plight of householders, many of whom face repair bills amounting to several thousand pounds, the Government feels that the individual owner must

that the individual owner must be responsible for maintaining his property. He should see that he is insured for potential large costs if he feels unable to meet them, it says.

Mr James Johnston, a mehmer of Havering council. London, was one of several public officials, MPs and individuals who had urged the Government to provide interest-Government to provide interestfree loans or grants for subidence victims. He suggested that many householders were covered by insurance only partly or not at all for subsidnece damage.

But the British Insurance

Association, whose members

take 95 per cent of the premium are believed to have been The Government has rejected income of British insurance companies, said yesterday that most household policyholders were covered for subsidence. Since 1971 subsidence cover had been automatic at no extra

premium in all new insurance policies. Earlier policies that included cover for flooding also auromatically included subsidence. Only householders who had not been insured for flood had not been insured for flooding before 1971 and had not taken up the option sent with policy renewal notices in 1971 to extend cover to subsidence would be without cover, the association said.

association said.

Most policies, however, carried an excess clause requiring the policyholder to pay the first 3 to 5 per cent of any claim, or a minimum of £150 depending on the company. That, the association suggested, was presumably what Mr Johnston meant by "nartial cover". But that was partial cover". But that was normal procedure for nearly all types of insurance.

As many as 40,000 buildings

a petition urging that men should be allowed to retire on full pension at 60. Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leices-

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Spanish reforms keep up momentum of drive to democracy

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Jan 5

It was King Juan Carlos's thirty-ninth birthday today and Spaniards had a few things to Spaniards had a few things to celebrate: a decree excluding conscientious objectors from military service; the temporary avoidance of a collapse in negotiations between Government and opposition; the release of a number of Basque proaumesty demonstrators; and a more liberal draft of a law to legalize trade unions.

The rext of the conscientious objection decree, published to-day, says that objectors may serve. "in posts of civic interest" rather than in the armed forces, but this service will last for three years compared to the average conscript's ervice of one year to 18

sition parties avoided stalemate with the Government by desig-nating a four-man bargaining ream with no Communist member to begin negotiations with Señor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, on the preparing for the country's move towards

today met Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Foreign Minister of Saudi

among them a possible nuclear deal, technical assistance, sale of sophisticated weaponry and

economic agreements.

The four-day visit will be the first to Saudi Arabia by the Franch President. The economic

windfalls that result from such visits assure them a special character. However, there is no doubt that this one is of

dent Giscard d'Estaing.

He has done much to foster the North-South dialogue between raw material producing and industrialized countries, and is throwing his weight behind efforts to make 1977 the year in which a determined attempt is made to salve the

attempt is made to solve the Middle East crisis.

Furthermore, there is evidence that the two heads of

state are auxious to develop their cooperation far beyond what had been envisaged to

Berlin to wind

airlift victims

From Our Correspondent

The West Berlin Senate has decided to wind up the Luft-brückendank fund, which aids the dependants of allied service-

men and a few Germans who lost their lives in the Berlin

In 1959, on the tenth anni

versary of the end of the airlift, Berliners donated DM1.6m as an expression of their gratitude to those who helped them to survive the Russian blockade.

The fund was increasingly used to help the education of the children of American, British and French servicemen

With the number of those entitled to benefit from the fund decreasing rapidly, the Senate decided yesterday to use up both the capital and interest of the fund by extending its benefits to a wider

killed in airlift accidents.

up fund for

Berlin, Jan 5

visit to Saudi Arabia

their team the specific task of negotiating on only two issues: a broader amnesty and recogni-tion for all political parties. Although a head-on collision

has thus been avoided, it could come later. Opposition leaders told reporters last night that a second team—possibly including a Communist—will be chosen to handle the next round of talks with the Prime Minister and discuss the democratic guarantees needed for holding elections.

number of people in the Basque city of San Sebastian who had been taken into custody during the past few days in connexion with demonstrations in favour of, a broader amnesty. They were released just in time to take part in traditional family festivities winding up the Christmas season, including tonight wher gifts are ex-changed in Spain.

The independent Madrid daily El Pais reported today that a parliamentary committee, which is studying government, proposed legislation to legalize trade unious, has modified the democracy.

There had been some concern that if the opposition insisted on having a Communist member on the team the Government would refuse to meet it.

The opposition party leaders did not actually remounce their demand for legalization of all parties including the Communist Party; they simply put off the eventual showdown trade unious, has modified the Government's proposal, making the text more liberal. The proposed law is to be presented in the near future to a plenary session of the Cortes for approval. The first draft of the proposed law merely referred to "associations" of workers; the latest version uses the term "organizations". The new version also makes it a less onerous procedure to gain legal recognition for a trade union.

much publicized in France. That

What has not gone unnoticed

try with Egyptian officials.

This new industry, which would be based in Egypt, is to

Arabia and the experiation is that something tangible will emerge in time for President

Giscard d'Estaing's visit to

Another indication of the

wider nature of the proposed enw French-Saudi cooperation is the project to rebuild the

Greece replaces

negotiations team

The Greek Government today replaced Mr Nicos Kyriazidis as chief negotiator with the EEC after disagreements involving the conditions for Greece's full

membership of the Community. He is succeeded by Mr Vyron

Theodoropoulos, Secretary-Gen-eral of the Foreign Ministry

and former Ambassador to the

The negotiations for Greek membership, which began in earnest in Brussels last month, are highlighting the practical difficulties of accession.

Announcing the changes, Mr Panayotis Papaligouras, Minister of Coordination and Planaron of Coordination and Coordination and Coordination and Coordination and C

ter of Coordination and Plan-ning, who is responsible for the

negotiations, said the Govern-ment was "determined to nego-tiate with tenacity in order

to safeguard the economic interests of the country and

head of EEC

From Our Correspondent

Athens, Jan 5

Community.

Carter's inauguration on January 20.

They must make available for public inspection "a complete current net worth statement" detailing all their assets and liabilities and those of their wives, minor children and other members of their immediate households. The statement must also detail sources of current wealth. Similar statements will be made public during an Paris talks on Giscard be made public during an appointee's time in office and From Our Own Correspondent, date. As much was recently Paris, Jan 5 made clear by Shakh and President Giscard d'Estaing Yamani, the Saudi Oil Minister, today met Prince Saud al-Faisal, when he stated in an interview

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business

in family

Washington, Jan 5

Mr Carter's

likely to stay

Mr Jimmy Carter's peanut

business is likely to stay in the

family, in spite of his decision to place his majority share in

the hands of a trustee who has

authority to sell it or lease it

for the period of his presidency.

The arrangements announced

yesterday, which provide for Mr Carter to receive cash in-come from his holdings while

in office and to reclaim most

of them afterwards, have been

widely welcomed as going be-youd existing legal require-

ments.
The multimillion dollar pea-

nut broking firm known as

Carter's Warehouse is likely to

continue under the management

of Mr Billy Carter, the Presi-

dent-elect's younger brother.

He has let it be known he has "first option" under the arrangements. Since he has said he cannot afford to buy out his

brother's large holding, it is assumed the business will be

It is thought that the trustee might be Mr Charles Kirbo, the

Atlanta lawyer and a longstand-ing close adviser of Mr Carter, who is not taking a formal

Congressmen who keep their

finances private would be aghast at having to fulfil what is to be required of all senior

political appointees after Mr Carter's inauguration on Janu-

leased back to him.

government post

from government,
These "ethics" guidelines require that any severance benefits". including merit awards, given to appointees as Arabia, to discuss his state visit to the kingdom later this month. The Prince delivered a personal message from King Khalid, underlining the mutual said that the "modalities" of importance placed on the visit by the two heads of state.

Cooperation in tackling the Cooperation in tackling the West's economic problems will not been ennounced, an edvance obviously dominate the Presithey depart from their firms to take up office will be scruticized

Any "preexisting established plan" for raward can be followed, but anything beyond six mooths' salary or above \$50,000 (£30,000) to \$75,000 would need careful examina-

obviously dominate the Presi-dent's talks in Riyadh. However, cials is expected to leave soon the agenda includes other items, for Saudi Arabia to prepare the among them a possible nuclear. President's arrivel on January The requirements are expec-ted to cause difficulties for a number of the wealthy business men Mr Carter has appointed. Some of them have lifetime conhere is the presence in Cairo of M Yvon Bourges, the French Defence Minister, who is discussing French participation in the proposed Arab arms indussuitancy payment arrangements with big firms, which will have

to be waived.

This is especially clear in the requirement for full public financial disclosure by the 2,000 senior appointees to government, who must also pledge to serve a full term, and not for serve a full term, and not, for one year after leaving government, to make even an informa contact for remuneration with any employee of the govern-ment department or agency

they served.
This rules out the "sweetarrangements under which departing government officials have been promptly employed to lobby the departments they had just left. war-shattered port of Beirut.
Saudi Archia is anxious that
this should go ahead and has
all but promised the necessary
finance, with the French undertaking the construction.

Officials must also pledge that for two years after leaving government, they will make no paid contact with a member of the executive branch regarding a specified business matter.

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Of the 638 randomly selected

subjects, 37 per cent had

headache and sleep disorders.

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Nerve illness 'followed

1973 farm contamination'



Representative Max Baucus (Democrat, Montana) bottle-feeding his baby at the formal opening of Congress on Tuesday. Wives and families were invited to attend and thousands thronged the Capitol.

Mr Murdoch's peace approach is rejected

From Peter Strafford New York, Jan 5

Mr Clay Felker, president of the New York Magazine Company, today rejected an approach from Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian newspaper owner, aimed at reaching an amicable settlement of Mr Murdoch's takeover bid. He issued a statement saying he would not meet Mr Murdoch.

Mr Falker said he was doing this out of respect for the views of the staffs of the company's three magazines, New York, the Village Voice and New West. The employees are opposed to the takeover and had asked Mr Felker not to meet Mr Murdoch.

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the takeover bid will probably go to court. Mr Murdoch claims have acquired more than half the magazine company's stock, but Mr Felker contests the legality of an arrangement by which Mr Murdoch bought 24 per cent of the shares from Mr Carter Burden, a member of the New York City Council. Mr Felker clasms the arrange-

ment violates an agreement he had with Mr Burden giving him the right of first refusal if Mr Burden wanted to sell our. Mr Felker has been backed by his staff because they are apprehensive about Mr Murdoch's reputation as a news paper publisher.

Some of them are also concerned about the company being taken over by a foreigner.

Washington will dance in the new President From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Jan 5

Hundreds of free events will take place in Washington during Mr Carter's inauguration week. They include what is being called the "world's biggest square dance" on January 21—the day after the actual inauguration—to which the first 10,000 who pick up tickets will be admitted. A similar number will also be admitted for folk dancing on

Tanuary 18.

Inauguration day will open with a service at the Lincoln memorial with Metropolitan Opera singers, several choirs, and the Rev Martin Luther King, Senior, father of the murdered civil rights leader, officiating.

Botswana sympathetic to Rhodesia proposals

Johannesburg, Jan 5

Mr Ivor Richard, chairman of the Rhodesian settlement talks, was today given the clearest indication of support so far received during his southern African tour for a "neutral" British presence in an interim Rhodesian Government.

After a two-hour meeting with Sir Seretse Khama, in Gaborone this morning, Mr Richard said the Botswana President considered the British proposal "an idea worth pur-soing". Sir Seretse, he said, had been a "sympathetic and help-ful listener" when various British proposals to bring about a peaceful settlement in Rhodesia were put to him.

Sir Seretse is expected to discuss the question of a proposed British presence in an interim Rhodesian Government with the Presidents of Mozambique, Tan-zania and Zambia when they meet in Lusaka this weekend.
As the most "moderate" of the four front-line presidents with whom Mr Richard is hold-ing talks, he is likely to be the most sympathetic towards the British plan.

A more daunting task faces
Mr Richard tomorrow when he begins his talks in Mozambique, which supports the most milinationalists. It provides a base nationalists. If provides a base for guerrilla operations against Rhodesia and has expressed suspicion about alleged British "neo-colonialist" intentions in Rhodesia.

As a foretaste of the sort of militancy which will con-front Mr Richard in Maputo, Mozambique Radio has broad-cast five demands made by the Zimbabwe People's Army (Zina). These were that Britain

should stop treating Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime

politician; it should step manoeuvring to set up a pupper government in Salisbury; halt the supply of British mercenaries and arms to the Smith regime; prevent the British media from publishing lies and slanders against the people of Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Zipa; and end the characte of resenting Britain's latest settlement proposals as moves to establish peace in Rhodesia, when the opposite was true.

It is unclear at this stage whether Mr Richard, in addi-Machel and other Mozambican leaders, will have talks with Mr Robert Mugabe, one the joint leaders of the Patriotic Front and representarive at the Geneva talks some of the Rhodesian guerrillas, So far Bishop Abel Muzorewa has been the only nationalist leader Mr Richard has seen during his present

Addis Ababa, Jan 5.— A senior official of the Patriotic Front said today that it wanted an intensification of the armed struggle in Rhodesia to bring Mr Ian Smith's Government to

Mr Joseph Msika, general sec-retary of Mr Joshua +Nkomo's faction of the African National Council, said, however, that a negotiated settlement of the dispute would be welcome. Mr Miska, here for a meeting

with the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) officials yesterday, told Reuter be would be surprised if the Geneva con-ference on Rhodesia resumed as planned on January 17, though it might resume later. He said he could see few results coming out of the present visit to southern Africa by Mr Richard, because the British and Americans were trying to involve the nationalists in proposals which they had no part

Salisbury bus boycott

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, Jan 5 Thousands of black commu-ters continued to boycott Salisbury's buses today in protest at the dismissal of about 800 drivers and conductors all

of whom had spent Christmas in prison.

The bus company employees

lost their jobs for refusing to end a strike begun on Christ-mas Eve over the size of a Christmas bonus. Within hours of the strike starting, police arrested them.

After spending six days in jail, at one stage packed 60 to a room, the men were released on payment of a fine of 30 Rhodesian dollars (£30) but those who still refused to work —the majority—were dismajority—were

A recruiting drive for new conductors and drivers was mounted and a limited service began yesterday. Most buses remained empty, however, commuters relying on lifts or pirate taxi services. It was the same

changes on matters of military contingency, but it remains dis-creet and restrained in line with Yugoslavia's determination to stay non-aligned.

Greek Foreign Minister on visit to Belgrade From Our Correspondent

Athens, Jan 5

The Greek leaders would like to see Yugoslavia integrated in a regional defence pact, but they admit now that this is not feasible.

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America, Britain and France. and farmers ". Socialists attack mayor over meetings with Pope

ection of the population of particularly of Greek exporters

From Our Correspondent

Rome, Jan 5 The new Markist mayor of Rome, Professor Giulio Carlo Argan, is under attack from the Socialists and other left-wing lay parties for overdoing things, as they see it, in his efforts to establish good relations with

the Pope. Professor Argan, with other representatives of Rome's first own a large proportion of the Communist-dominated city property in Rome. "One might council, has met the Pope three times in the past month, a record unbeaten by his Catholic predecessor. Two occasions were religious ceremonies in the ciry, the third was Monday's audience of the Pope in

Vatican. You can have too much of a good thing", commented the Socialist party spokesman, Signor Fabrizio Cicchitto. He added that the need for civilized relations between the leftwing city council and the Vatican does not mean there should be an attitude of sub-ordination nor that the mayor should follow the Pope to every square and church he chooses

Alberto Benzoni, who stayed away from the papal audience in protest. He said later that he regarded meetings as useless

for solving the city's problems He claimed many of these problems had been created by large-scale building speculation by religious organizations which expect a minimum of self-criticism from the church on

the subject", he said. The deputy mayor's tions were supported by a Republican spokesman, the extreme left wing Proletarian Democracy Party and by the Radicals, who have consistently accused the Communists of bootlicking "the church.

Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano today de-plored an article in the Italian weekily, l'Europeo, giving a long list of what it claimed was Vatican property in Rome, held through various organiza-tions. The magazine said the charch owned about one-quarter

The person most upset by the meetings was the Socialist deputy mayor of Rome, Signor

neurological symptoms. In addition, 27 per cent were found to have suffered from painful or swollen joints. A neurologist in the

tinue working.

York team said many of those examined appeared neurologically like elderly people, but were in fact in their 30s. Skin disorders were found in 21 per cent of the randomly

selected farm residents and consumers, and 16 per cent complained of gastro-intestinal difficulties such as abdominal pain and diarrhoes. Altogether almost a third of this group reported that their health had deteriorated since

the contaminated feed was

distributed by the Michigan Farm Bureau. Dr Selikoff said the prevalof ill health in the Michigan group was higher than that found in other groups his ream had examined, including Tinyl workers exposed chloride and lead.

The team also found a sugges-

serious immunological effects, and an immunological study of 40 people would be done soon to clarify this finding.

Dr Selikoff's ream examined Dr Mason Barr, pediatrician 1,029 people in Grand Rapids from the University of Michigan, who worked with the Selikoff team, said an unusual number of children examined over a six-day period in Novem-Of the group, 638 were selected at random both from had suffered such symptoms as nervousness, irritability, head-ache, muscle pains, frequent colds, joint aches and upset families on farms quarantined because of PBB poisoning and on farms that had not been quarantined, and from families

> Most of the children's sym-toms had abated by last spring. "We should have looked one or two years ago," he said.—New York Times News

to be examined and employees Michael Horspell writes: The of the Michigan Chemical Co, Health and Safety Commission in London is now considering The most common effect whether action over PBB needs found involved disturbances of the nervous system, including Dr Selikoff's findings.

About 12 million lb of PBB were sold by the Michigan Chemical Co. the only manufacturers, between 1971 and In some cases, the difficulties November 1974, but it is not known how much was imported by British companies.

The commission said that its use has only been on a "very low scale" and warnings have been thought necessary so

But officials will be deciding whether a great enough danger exists to necessitate the difficult task of finding who imported PBB until 1974, when American health authorities discovered it can cause cancer and genetic defects.

the production of polyurethane foam, furnishings and electronic components. The substance was made in the same Michigan factory as a magnesium oxide supplement for animal feed and packaged

PBB has probably been used

But in 1973 the company out of marked bags and the two products were packaged in brown paper bags with the names stencilled on in black. Widespread poisoning of animals, and later people, fol-lowed when an illiterate lorry driver loaded the wrong bags for delivery to a Michigan Farm

Bureau depot.

in distinctly marked bags.

Mr Demetrios Bitsios, the Greek Foreign Minister, left for Belgrade today on an official visit. Greece and Yugoslavia have felt the need to reinforce their links because of increas-ing fears of a Soviet intervention in Yugoslavia " after Tito " Greek-Yugoslav military cooperation consists of exSPORT

Hopes rise for end to unrest as Soweto pupils drift back to school

Johannesburg, Jan 5
It was a most unusual beginning to a school term for South
Africa's black pupils. At 8 am,
the time when classes were
supposed to begin, Soweto's
Orlando high school was, except for the principal, Mr
Wilkie Kambule, totally

deserted.
"I think the students will "I think the students will start exriving later in the morning", said Mr Kambule, his customary optimism apparently unaffected by a short, sharp spell in police detention last week. "But they got into the habit during the disturbances in Soweto last year of not turning up until they had checked there were no police on the

Sure enough, 10 minutes later a couple of teachers arrived and they were followed by two girls who went quietly to one of the classrooms and sat waiting for something to happen. Soon others began to arrive, some singly or in pairs,

others in large groups.

By 9.30 am, about 60 of the school's 900 pupils had arrived and Mr Kambula decided it was time for school to begin. A teacher ringing a handbell walked round the school buildings, many of them severely damaged during the disturbances, and the pupils gathered in one of the classrooms for hymn-singing and an address by Mr Kambule.

what better. By 10.30 am, the principal, Mr Lekgau Mathabathe, who was held in detention for four months last year, estimated that about one-quar could herald a return to norestimated that about one-quar- could I ter of his 800 pupils had mality.

From Our Correspondent

As Mr Abraham Ofer, the

Minister of Housing, was

buried with state honours here

this afternoon, a political argu-

ment developed over whether

an investigation into alleged embezzlement involving a build-ing company he once headed

should be pursued.

Before shooting himself on a beach here on Monday Mr Ofer

left a note saying he was com-pletely innocent but was driven

o despair by slanderous accusations. Political associates said

he was broken after a meeting on Sunday with Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, who did not give him the backing hoped for.

But, speaking over the bier in the lobby of City Hall this after-noon, Mr Rabin said his last

words on Sunday morning to Mr Ofer were Abraham, I,

Mr Ofer were "Abraham, I, Yitzhak Rabin, believe you are

Mr Rabin quoted protesta-tions of innocence from the micide note and said that these

of "supreme reckoning" chal-longed those he held respons-ible for slandering him. The

tragedy underlined the need for

Moscow adjusts

Moscow, Jan 5.-The Soviet

Government has announced price adjustments to a wide range of goods and services.

The state prices committee announced that 10 items would

cost from 5 to 25 per cent less from today, including stockings, women's shoes, refrigerators, record players, radios and some

record players, radios and some television sets. Among the items subjected to price increases will be rugs, crystal, some books, air tickets and taxi fares. The cost of basic goods will not change.

Colombo, Jan 5.-Postal and telegraph workers and busmen in Sri Lanka called off threat-

ened strikes after the Government issued orders under which

all strikers would have lost their jobs.

Delhi, Jan 5.—Miss Marie Andrée Leclerc, aged 31, a Canadian in jail here since July

who is due to face charges

alleging implication in the mur-

der of several foreign tourists,

has gone on hunger strike to protest about prison conditions

Lagos, Jan 5.—The Nigerian Government will ban half the capital's curs from main roads in an effict to prevent traffic jams during the coming Second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture.

Ethiopia-Sudan rension

Ethiopia and Sudan have recalled their ambassadors from each other's capitals for con-sultations on strained relations

between the two countries, in-formed sources said.

Brisbane, Jan 5.—William Renton, a convicted murderer, has asked if he can serve his life sentence in a different jail from his son, Bruce, who is also

1.200 election arrests

Addis Ababa, Jan Ethiopia and Sudan

Family split

Strikes crumble

Delhi jail protest

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Tel Aviv, Jan 5

off calls for Ofer inquiry

clearing up the rubble and broken glass from damaged school buildings.

"I think many students are

adopting a wait and see atti-tude", he said. "But so long as there are no incidents involving the police, I think there will be a better attendance towill be a better attendance tomorrow and things should be
near normal by next week."
However, he did not know how
many of his pupils were among
those who had fled South
Africa to neighbouring black
states last year and would not
be returning to their classes.
In Soweto the police stayed
away from schools. Yesterday
the township's police chief,
Brigadier Jan Visser, gave an
assurance that the police would
not interfere when the schools not interfere when the schools returned today. However, they were clearly taking no chances and the occasional patrol car could be seen moving dis-creerly round the streets while outside Morris Isaacson a black plainclothes man lolled against a telegraph post as he kept the school under observa-

Today's reopening of schools in South Africa's black town-ships follows months of en-forced closure caused by last year's riots. The term has started earlier than usual in order to allow pupils to pre-pare for last year's examina-At Morris Isaacson school, where the student revolt on the Afrikaans language issue first began, the attendance was somewhat better. By 10.30 am. the principal 3.00 am. the second of the beginning of the second of the second

reason for optimism that school attendance will soon be back nearly to normal. After a slow nearly to normal. After a slow and apprehensive start, attendance at Soweto high schools today was estimated by The World newspaper to have averaged at least 20 per cent, while it was considerably higher in primary schools. There was also a satisfactory response in Cape Town's three African townships despite recent unrest there.

there.

It was clear from conversa tions I had with students in Soweto that a statement issued by the influential Soweto Students', Representative Council earlier this week urging them to go back to school was largely responsible for their return. The student body, which played a key role in last year's

anti-Afrikaans language pro-tests, recommended this course of action even though some students still remain in deten-tion and its demand for the abolition of the Bantu (African) education system has not been met. Teachers and parent organizations had also urged a return to school. The students did not, how-

ever, seem impressed by the measures announced last week by the Minister of Bantu Edu-cation, Mr M. C. Botha, aimed at improving black schooling, despite his commitment to eventual free and compulsory education for blacks.

"We want a complete scrapping of the Bantu education sys-tem", said one Orlando high school student who had spent month in detention last year. "We don't just want free text books, we want the same educational standards as there are for whites."

Civil rights leader questioned in Moscow

Moscow, Jan 5.—The leader of a dissident group set up to monitor Sovier observance of the Helsinki agreement was seized on the street by plain-cloches police today and questioned for sevan hours before being released.

Dr Yuri Orlov was bundled into a car as he was on his way to a press conference in a private flat where he planned to tell Western journalists about police searches yesterday of his apartment and those of four other dissidents.

After his interrogation at the public prosecutor's office,

public prosecutor's office, Dr Onlov telephoned correspondents to say investigators had told him a criminal case had been started as a result of documents found in the

searches.

The charge was one of spreading deliberate fabrications slandering the Soviet system. The fabrications were alleged to be contained in several hundred decuments on the work of the Helsinki accord montror group which police confiscated.

He said that investigators had

He said that investigators had not specified who the eccused were, but told him he was a witness in the case.

Dr Orlov, who formerly worked as a physicist, had to-day defied a summons to report for questioning at the prosecutor's office. He said he had been told to return to the office

tomorrow He said he had responded to all questions, which concerned documents and other items found in his flat, by specifying how in his view each question violated the letter of Helsinki.

and the cotton crop 8,300,000 tonnes. Beet production was be-low the target of 88 million

tonnes and more than two mil-lion tonnes short of the 1973

Cricket

England on the verge of victory as India's plan badly misfires

Cricket Correspondent Calcutta, Jan 5

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England made sure of winning the second Test match here today as sure as can be anyway. After gaining a first imings lead of 166, they took seven wickets in India's second innings for 145 runs. To avoid their fourth successive defeat by an innings at England's hands (two here and two in England), India's last three wickets need to muster another 21 runs tomorrow.

Not surprisingly there were times today when they looked a demoralized side. Gavaskar and Sharma fought for a while; there was a flicker from Madan Lal; and Patel has resisted so far for two hours and three-quarters. In the last 50 minutes he and Prasanna added 48 runs in a way that made a nonsense of what had gone before. But that was the extent of it. The pitch was neither worse nor better than in England's innings of 321. The ball turned, the occasional one kept low, it is a bad surface, but slow enough, as Greig and Tolchard showed, and then Patel, to be playable with ingenuity and patience, coupled with an even share of the luck. Had two of them dug themselves in India might have gone on to make enough runs to leave in India might have gone on to make enough runs to leave England with something to think about tomorrow. Rather than that, five wickets fell in an hour this

The collapse set in half-an-hour into the afternoon when Gaekwad, pushing out at Greig, was given out, caught at short leg off bat

and pad. If the look which Gaekwad gave Brearley, fielding at silly point, meant what I thought it did, Gaekwad may have been unlucky. In the next over Gavaskar played on, off the bottom of the bat, to Underwood, the ball hardly leaving the ground. This was the first ball of Underwood's sixth over and he had yet to concede a run. In Greig's next over but one Viswanath clipped a ball firmly off his toes but straight to midwicket where Lever held a good, low catch, turning a backward somersault as he did so.

Sharma looked capable of sur-

somersault as he did so.

Sharma looked capable of survival until he was caught at the wicket, fencing at a short ball from Willis, whom he had just driven twice for four. Sharma's may be one of the heads to fall when the Indian selectors amounce their side for the third Test match starting in Madras at the end of next week. There is talk of their summoning Farokh Engineer from England, such is seemingly the shortage of sedquate replacements.

Willis had come on to allow

Willis had come on to allow Underwood to change ends—the only break Underwood had between the penuitimate over of the morning and the last of the day. With things going so well. Greig gave himself only one spell of 10 overs, to save his spinning finger for another day. Enough of a breeze had blown up by the time Sharma was out for six of the England side to be in short-sleeved sweaters. In the outfield Barlow was being given more of a chance than Randall to show his paces. He was in brilliant form. Knott's diving legside catch, which dismissed Solkar in the third over of this spell by Willis, was brilliant too. By now India were 70 for five with disenchantment in the crowd.

Madan Lal stayed for almost Willis had come on to allow

about tomorrow. Rather than that, five wickets fell in an hour this afternoon, two to Greig, two to Willis and one to Underwood. Thereafter it was a matter only of whether England would will today. India's plan misfired on the first day, when the pitch was being given more of a chance than Randall to show his paces. He was in brilliant form. Knot's diving legside catch, which dissibili intact. Had they batted decently then it would have been hoist instead with their own petard. England have bowled and batted better on a pitch which India prepared for themselves.

India began their second innings 35 minutes before lench. To start with the breaks went India's way. The ball kept flashing just out of reach of the slips, of which there were three, when in the last over of the morning, which was Greig's first, Gavaskar went down the wicket and drove him to mid-off. Amiss dropped the simple catch—simple from the press box that is, if not against the background of another hoge crowd. For four days the ground has been completely full, with 70,000 people seared in the sun.

The collepse set in helf-an-hour into the afternoon when Gaekwad.

England's first innings bad out of or an unch better player. Prasanna then batted like a man who, having bowled 57.4 overs, knew that wickets were not as easy as all this to come by or the drive so impossibly difficult. With Patel playing more strokes in the closing overs, with more certainty, than anyone else in the match. India lived until tomorrow. By those who know, the chances of rain are entirely discounted. rain are entirely discounted.
England's first innings
lasted for another 75 minutes
morning. Of their last i

wickets Bedi took two more, which leaves him needing only one to become the twelfth bowier to take 200 Test wickets. The first three wickets to fall all went to balls that turned; two to catches in the gully; the other fell to a fine running catch on the midwicket boundary by Madan Lal off a towering hit by Old. Not long before, Old, playing the same stroke, had hit Prusanna for six. To reach his hundred Greig had driven Chandrasekhar through the covers for four, the stroke which after batting all day on Monday he had said the pitch precluded.

The last six runs which Greig had needed for his hundred when the day began took him only three balls to make. He was out much the longest of them. Has much the longest of them. Has anyone ever taken longer, I wonder, to reach a hundred for England than six hours 55 minutes, which was Greig's time? Peter Richardson was not far short of it at Johannesburg in 1956-57; Trevor Bailey took 43 minutes longer to make only 68 on one ill-starred occasion in Brisbane. Greig's innings, it seems, bane. Greig's innings, it seems, like Richardson's, is to have a happler sequel than Bailey's dif.

INDIA: First Innings, 155 (R. G. D. D. Gashwad. c Toichard, b Greig Sharma, c Knott, b Willis R. Viswansth, c Laver, b Greig P. Patci, not out D. Solkar, c Knott, b Willis D. Solkar, c Knott, b Willis M. M. Kirmani, b Old A. E. Fressanh, see out Extras (b 1, 1-b, 18-b, 18)

Total (for 7 wkls) 145 B. S. Redi, B. S. Chandrasckhau FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-33, -36, 4-60, 5-70, 6-97, 7-97.

BOWLING (to date): Willia, 8-1-22-2: Lever, 3-0-12-0: Under-wood, 25-14-32-1; Grels, 10-0-27-2; Old, 9-4-25-2. ENGLAND: First Innings L. Amiss. c Kirmani, b sanna Barigw, c Kirmani, b Madan

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Rosewall is finding five sets too

Tennis

tough Melbourne, Jan 5.—The four leading seeds headed the advance into the men's quarter-final round of the Australian open tennis championships at Kooyong today, with the No 4, the veneran Ken Rosewall, stealing the limelight. Rosewall, aged 42, the semimental favourite here, needed close to four hours to beat Martin Riessen, of the United States, by 6—7, 7—6, 7—5, 3—6, 6—4.

He said he thought it was the tirst five-ser match he had played since Wimbledon in 1974. "I'm Finding it too tough," he said. "] since Wimbledon in 1974. "I'm finding it too tough," he said. "I was very lucky to get into the match, and I think Marty should be the one here doing the talking." Rosewall's next opponent will be the defending champion, Mark Edmondson, who beat him a year ago. Today Edmondson showed that he is pulling his game together in good time as he dispatched the tall, powerful Englishman, Richard Lewis, by 6—1, 6—3, 6—3.

Lewis, aged 22, from Middleser, scored the best win of his career yesterday when he accounted for the tenth seed, Tom Gorman, of the United States, by 6—4, 6—3,

the United States, by 6—4, 6—3, 6—1. His service and fine first volleying overwhelmed the American, He also displayed good ground strokes, which he used to advantage to pass Gorman, who attacked the blond Englishman's second service each time he faile

second service each time he lailed with his first.

Lewis will take home at least about £1,400 from the event, in addition to his winnings in Sydney, where he was beaten by John Alexander, and in Perth, where he lost in the quarter-final round. He said he had taken a gamble in He said he had taken a gamble in coming to Australia as no English team had come.

The top-seeded Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina, breezed through to the final eight with a 7-06, 6-2; 6-3 triumph over the American, Charles Pasarell, and he will next meet Ross Case, of Australia. Case, the eleventh seed, scored the big upset on today's programme by eliminating the fifth-seeded American, Richard Stockton, by 6-4, 4-6, 6-7, 7-5, 5-2. Stockton was the beaten finalist.

6-2.
Stockton was the beaten finalist in the New South Wales open last week, when he lost to Tony Roche, of Australia, in the final. Roche was also knocked out here today, bowing 4-6, 6-1, 5-2, 6-1 to the hard-serving American, Roscoe Tanner, the second seed.

Miss Cooper in **bot** pursuit of another title

Kate Brasher, the outstanding 14-year-old prospect from Peter-sham, Surrey, who did not go beyond the third round in the three junior championships she she has reached her limit at this stage in another big event. She meets Anches Cooper, the top seed, in the British jumior covered court championships, sponsored by Green Shield, at Queen's Clab

oday.

Miss Brasher, the youngest and boday.

Miss Brasher, the youngest and smallest player in the competition, was one of the most convincing winners in yesterday's second round. She beat Melanie Smith, from Leicester, 6—2, 6—1 to reach the last eight of the gird's singles. But, Miss Cooper, from Sevenoaks, the favourite for the vacant title was equally impressive. Her 6—2, 6—4 victory over Eleanor Lightbody, the Welsh senior international from Swanses, showed that she is determined to mid to last week's British Women's Teenois Association's under-Z1 title. Miss Cooper easily defeated Miss Brasher in their only meeting last year and she must start favourite when they meet today for a place in the semi-finals round.

BOYS: Second round: P. Goodman beat K. P. Hartis, 7—5, 6—2; M. Appleton beat I. G. Currie, 6—3, 6—4; M. Trinder beat R. Booth, S. Edmondson beat N. Thomson, 6—2, 6—4; G. M. Trinder beat R. Booth, 6—2, 6—4; R. M. Shaher beat F. S. Farrell, 6—2, 6—3; M. Raher beat F. S. Farrell, 6—3, 6—3; M. Raher beat F. M. Mills, 6—4; M. J. Smill, 6—3; M. Braker beat J. M. Wille, 6—4; G. M. M. Smill, 6—1; G. M. J. Smill, 6—2; M. Wille, M. Braker beat J. M. Wright G. R. Robinson beat T. Heath, 6—1; G. J. M. Diese, J. M. Wille, M

Table tennis

Jarvis takes a gamble with future fitness

Nicky Jarvis will defy a painful back and risk the possibility of permanent injury in his efforts to prove that he is fit for world championship selection in the international table tennis championships, sponsored by the Nor-sich Union, at Thornaby, Teesside, this week.

Union, at Thornaby, Teesside, this week.

Jarvis, 22, from Redear, and a regular international player for several years, has been plagued by a back injury for some months, the result he believes of overtraining.

He has been to d by a specialist that he could no further damage by continuing to play and then only an operation would cure the problem. But that would keep him out of the game for 13 months and, having made the sport his life for the past decade, he dearly wants to represent his country in the world championships in Eirmincham in two months' time.

The England team will be selected on Saturday so Jarvis, who had to pull out of a major invitation tournament just restore Christmas, has little time in which to prove that he is fit that he is flt

Jarvis is one of four Englishmen secded for the championships, the favourite for the men's singles seeged to. For the men's suggestive for the Russian, Anatolly Strokatov. England's number one, ie the second seed,

Denis Neale, is the second seed, and has a great chance to become only the second English-born man for 50 years to win the domerric title.

Jill Hammersley, England's European champion, is expected to retain the women's lingles title eyen though sic has not been at her best following an appendix operation earlier this season.

Rabin eulogy fails to head | Russia announces record grain harvest for 1976 between six and eight million tonnes of American grain annually between 1976 and 1980. Mr Mesyats also announced that the sugar beet crop for 1976 totalled 85 million tonnes, 2000 co.

Moscow, Jan 5.-The Soviet caution in talking and writing Union had a record grain barso as not to prejudge anyone without a trial, the Prime Minivest of 223,800,000 tonnes for 1976, Mr Valentin Mesyats, the Ster said.

But Mr Ehud Olmert, a Likud opposition MP alleged that the ruling establishment was crying witchhunt in order to deter Agriculture Minister, said here today. This was 1,300,000 tonnes higher than the previous record

The bumper harvest compares with a crop of 140 million tonnes in 1975, the worst result for a decade, which led to food shortages throughout the an investigation. Pro-Govern-ment newspapers this morning had said that legal experts believed the inquiry must be shelved since the subject of it had died. If that was a trial

country.
Asked about grain imports,
Mr Mesyats said Moscow would balloon Mr Olmert quickly shot "The problem is not Ofer"
he said. "If indeed offences
were committed, it is not clear
he was the only person
involved."

record. But the cotton crop was higher than the target and only about 100,000 tonnes below the 1974 record.—Reuter. Business News, page 15

Aspen, Colorado, Jan 5.—The 225-page diary of the French singer Claudine Longet, found in the house where her ski champion lover was shot dead, was referred to by a prospective woman juror at Miss Longer's trial on a charge of manlaughter today.

illegal search warrant.

for jury service, said she would not be able to help wondering what was in the diary. "That bothers me terribly", she said. Judge George Lohr excused her from serving on the jury. Miss Longet, aged 35, former wife of Andy Williams, the singer, is charged with the reckless but unintentional shooting of Mr Sabicb at the home they shared in this Colorado mountain resort last March.

The first three prospective jurors were excused today because they said they bad already made up their minds about Miss Longet's guilt or

Diary secrets raised at singer's trial

The diary, found in Mr Vladimir Sabich's bedroom, has been ruled out as evidence because it was obtained with an But Mrs Ellen Grenko, called

innocence.—Reuter.

that American officials were too deeply influenced by Jews.— AP.

for writings judged to violate Mr Kim, who had been on

trial in the Seoul district court for nine months, is already serving a life sentence for alleged involvement in a plot to overthrow the regime of President Park.

a newspaper article and notes prepared for two works in pro-gress. The judge ruled that he article in The Times' Prisoner

Dissident Korean poet given further jail term

elections.

Mr Kim Chi Ha, the dissident sentenced to seven years in jail

President rark.

The poer's vitriolic satirical works have a wide clandestine readership in South Korea, but his latest sentence results from

By David Watts

of Conscience series on April

South Korean poet, has been

was encouraging North Korea. Also show him suspicious of Mr Kim was the subject of an President Roosevelt and fearing

new government gets a parlia-mentary majority after the May Leading article, page 13

Meanwhile, the Knesset today

voted to dissolve itself and to

hold parliamentary elections on May 17. Mr Rabin, who yester-day was given 21 days by President Katzir to try to form

another government in place of

fell last month, will not now be required to make the effort.

He will continue to head his

three-party coalition that

Pakistan ban on eight opposition MPs From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Jan 5

Eight opposition politicisms in Pakistan, including Mr Abdul Wali Khan, leader of the opposition, will be barred from Parliament under an amendment to the political parties Act.

vides for the disqualification of any member of the Senate and the central and provincial assemblies if that person was and provincial holding a party office at the rime their organization was

banned by a court. Mr Abdul Wali Khan's Natiopal Awami Party was banned in 1975 by the Government for act-

ing against the State
Mr Bhutto, the Pakistan
Prime Minister, announced tonight that in future income derived from agriculture would be subject to income tax. But small landowners with 25 acres or less will be exempted.

Hitler seen as 'Joan of Arc'

Ottawa, Jan 5. — William Mackenzie King, the wartime Canadian Prime Minister, wrote in his diary during a 1938 visit to Germany that Hirler would rank with Joan of Arc "as a deliverer of his people". But by 1946 he saw Hitler as "Frankenstein's monster". Entries in Mr King's diary, re-Entries in Mr King's diary, re-leased by the public archives, also show him suspicious of

Fugitive journalist Geborone, Jan 5.—Mr Eric Abraham, aged 22, a South African journalist who was declared a banned person and placed under house arrest in Cape Town last November, arrived here after escaping across the Botswana border. He said he wanted to come to

Lillee too much for Pakistanis

Sharma caught by Knott: Willis, the bowler, and Brearley (slip) react jubilantly.

Meibourne, Jan 5.—Pakistan's batsmen, losing six wickets for 42 runs in an exciting period near the end of the day, effectively handed the second Test match to Australia here today. With only themselves to literature. Pakistan were in trouble imme-diately when the opening batsman, Sadiq Mohammad who scored 105 in the first innings, lazily stroked at his first ball from Glunour. He at his first ball from Gilmour. He caught a thick edge and Walters took a comfortable catch at golly. Majid Khan and Zaheer Abbas settled in to take the score to 85 without further loss but then Zaheer was trapped leg before by Walker for 58. Then, immediately after tea, came the rout, Lillee sending back Majid, Mushtaq Mohammad and Asif Iqbal, to the Anstralia here today. With only themselves to blame for their collapse, the Pakistanis played poor shots to accurate but certainly not hosille Australian bowling. Pakistan finished the day with 128 for seven in their second innings, seeking a total of 500 for victory. The match ends today.

Every Australian bowler used took at least one wicket but it was Lillee who sparked off the rout of Pakisma after tea, taking three wickets for 10 rous in five overs, to bring his tally for the match so far to nine wickets. The first Test in the three-match series was drawn.

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Australia resumed their second innings this morning at 122 for one. McCosker, who went on to complete his third Test century, and Iau Davis, (85) gave a simple catch to Asif Iqbal. Chappell hit 67, his fourth successive half-century against Pakistan, before being caught off the persistent lunan Khan. Imran, with five for 122, and Iqbal Qasim, three for 119, had shared the wickets between them when Australia declared at 315 for eight.

AUSTRALIA: First limings 517 for eight dec (f., J. Coxer 163, G. S. Chapped 121: A. Turner 82, L. G. Davis 55. Ighat Casim 4-1111, Second innings L. C. Davis. c Asif Iqbat, b Iqbat Qasim A. Turner, 1-b-w, b Imres Khan R. B. McCosker, st 84... b label R. B. McCocker, St Sec., b iqhai Qasim G. S. Chappell, c M: 49; b Imren 67 K. D. Weiters, b Imran 0 G. J. Cosier, b Imran 8 1R. W. Marsh, et Bart, b Iqbai Qasim D. K. Lileo, b Imian 0 Forras (b 2, j-b 11, h-b 5) 16

PAKISTAM: First Innings 333 (Sadiq Mohammad 105, Zaheer Abbas 90, Majid Khan 76; D. K. Ullee 6-82). Second Innings
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O'Reef: 2 auced inc wickets of Javed Miandad, superbly caught by Turner for 10, and Salim Altaf, bowled without scoring in the day's last over. The last five Pakistan

wickets to fall went for just 29 runs and the touring side were left still 371 runs behind Australia, with only three wickets remaining

for the final day's play.
Pakistan's sole hope of saving the match seems to be heavy rain

but the weather forecast for tomorrow is fine and dry.

†Wasim Bari, Asif Masond, Iqbal isim, to bat.

FALL OF VICKETS: 1—4. 2—86.

BOWLING (to date): Lilice, 10—0—37—3; Gilmaur, 3—0—19—1; Walker, 1—2—33—1; O'Keufe, 13.6—151—2.—Reuter,

Motor racing

Control units to increase spectator safety

The increasing problem of spectator safety in radiying has prompted Ford of Britain to make two specially-built Escort Mexicox available to organizers of national championship events. The cars, equipped with loudspeakers linked to cassette players, flashing lights and first aid equipment, will he used to broadcast information about the rally and advise spectators where to stand in safety, well back from the competitors.

Ford have announced plans of a positive step towards preventing a repeat of the accident, involving spectators, which marred the RAC Raily last November. Leaflets will be handed out to spectators and will give basic first aid information in case a rally car should crash nearby, injuring its crew

Peter Ashcroft, the Ford team manager, commented: "We know these spectator control units will not be a complete solution to the not be a complete solution to the problem, but we hope they go some way towards it."

Hunt turns up in bare feet at plush hotel

Buenos Aires, Jan 5.—James Bunt, Britain's world motor racing champion, won a reputation as the most informal of the foreign drivers entered for Sunday's Argentine Grand Prix when he showed up barefooted at a news conference in a plush local hotel. The Argentine capital considers itself a formal city, and Hunt's action drew strong criticism in the press.

the race, the first in the 1977 championship series. The field will include at least five relative newcomers to Formula One. Several well-known drivers will be

Twenty-two drivers have entered

missing, including Jacky Ickx, Jean-Pierre Jarier, Rolf Stom-melen and Hans Stock. Hunt, driving a McLaren, is the favourite to win the 200-mile race on the 3,5-mile track at the San Martia Municipal Autodrome. The former world champion, Niki Lauda, of Austria, in a Ferrari,

is also fancied. But local supporters will be cheering Argentina's Carlos Reutemann, who replaced Switzerland's Clay Regazzoni as Ferrari's second driver.

Regazzoni will be at the wheel of an Ensign 177 of the Tisson Ensign stable. John Watson, of Ireland, replaced Reutemann as top driver of the Brabham team, with Carlos Pace, of Brazil, again the second Brabham driver.

ARCENTIME GRAMD PRIX. J. Hunt (GB). "LaLings 1922" in 1882 pure son (Sweden). Threat Pair Wassen (GB). "LaLings 1922" in 1882 pure son (Sweden). Threat Pair M. Andrein (IS) and J. Wassen (Baralia, Baraham BT43; A. Wisson (Northern Ireland). Baraham BT43; A. Wisson (Northern Ireland). Baraham BT43; A. Baraham (Baraham Archita). C. Pace (Bazili). Brainham BT43; A. Baraham (Brazili). Threat Strices (Basilia). Brainham BT43; A. Baraham (Brazilia). Frence Str. (Basilia). Line Brainham BT43; A. Baraham (Brazilia). Line Brainham BT43; A. Baraham BT43;

Tokyo, Jun 5.—More than 1,200 people, most of them accused of buying votes, have been arrested in Japan for While neighbouring Algeria remains Polisario's protector, is Morocco's offensive. Tomorallowing the guercillas to launch row it will be ours." offences connected with month's general election.

tegic outpost, not even an over-confident King Hassan can hope Tindouf, Algerian Sahara to crush them completely. In-deed, the extent of Algeria's Hidden in the red sand wilderness that rolls from here to three shifting desert battle-fronts, some 3,000 Sahara tribesrole—arming, financing and lending Polisario total support —is a reminder of how the Sahara issue could ignite a war men are undergoing training in guerrilla warfare. They will soon swell the ranks of Polisario—the desert guerrilles fighting Morocco and Mauritania—for a vital camacross its frontier Morocco. Less than three months ago

there was much talk in respon-sible Moroccan circles of an paign in their struggle to reverse the carve-up of the former Spanish territory. offensive to take Tindouf and destroy Polisario at source. Although this would have set off the feared confrontation, the high Moroccan casualties of 120 The military operations around the Polisario bases that dot this south-western corner of the Algerian Sahara come after a month at the hands of the guerrilla raiders could not have been tolerated much longer. That this Moroccan hawkisha long and hard winter for the guerrilla army. King Hassan's refurbished armed forces have been on the offensive in the most determined attempt so far ness has mellowed attests to the to secure the vast areas of the Sahara acquired by Morocco and Mauritania a year ago.

The task set the 30,000 troops committed by Morocco and the smaller Mauritanian force was to destroy the hidden desert enemy and secure the map-line frontiers. However, with this winter offensive all but over, the guerrilla bands, navigating the hinterland by desert tracks, land features or the stars, are still able to strike—sometimes deeply—behind the lines of the armies they face.

King's winter offensive having King's winter offensive having achieved a measure of success—not as great as Moroccans would have once believed, but certainly more damaging than Polisario admits.

For more than a week I lived with Polisario guerrillas in their base camps close to the frontier, waiting to join an "operation". Whereas the Polisario radio spoke nightly of

Tribesmen swell Polisario ranks ario strategy will be directed against Mauritania, for long the easier target for the guerrillas.

"operation". Whereas the Polisario radio spoke nightly of strikes behind Moroccan and Mauritanian lines, the promised excursion did not materialize. "Because of the current situa-tion we are compelled to move in large convoys behind enemy lines". I was teld. "Today it

Through their strikes so far they have proved Mauritania's vulnerability. "The object of the offensive will not be to overwhelm Maurtween them when a declared at 315 for eight. itania militarily," one Polisario strategist explained. "But as the Mauritanians are shown incapable of policing their own territory and thus en-cangering the Rabat-Nouakchott

Hegemony over the Sahara, the King will be only too willing to act. Already Mauritanians are conscious of the growing Morne can military presence in the Country.

"If we can force Morocco to show its hand—that is force its military presence into the open for all to see—then the battle will be half won. King Hassan might be able to sustain a war

against us, but an eventual ocbe a different matter.

"The King has shown himself to be an eager gambler; in the months to come we will raise the odds." Algeria defence bill: Algeria has announced an increase of nearly 25 per cent in its defence spending, believed to reflect tensions in the neighbouring western Sahara. In the nationa Budget, defence spending will jump by 24.2 per cent to 1.6 billion dinars (about £246m)-

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By Our Racing Correspondent

1.0 ARCTIC HEIR is specially recommended. 1.30 Star Speaker.

2.0 Redders Boy. 2.30 Kutuzov. 3.0 Bronze Reel. 3.30 Uncle Leslie.

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There is already every reason for thinking that Uncle Leslie is completely at ease racing around Taunton because he has

won twice there, first over two

will twice there, this over two miles and three furlongs and then again over three miles and a furlong which happens to be the distance of today's race. Each time the going was testing so Uncle Leslie should not be inconstructed by the ground this

venienced by the ground this afternoon which is bound to put the emphasis on stamina. In the circumstances he looks a good between the circumstances he looks a good between the looks a good betwee

course. His overall record this season is one of consistency which is more than can be said of the majority of his rivals.

Another course specialist, Sixer, returns to his happy hunting ground to try to win the Norton Fitzwarren Handicap Steeplechase.

Sixer has already won four times

Fitzwarren Handicap Steeplechase. Sixer has already won four times at Taumton, but on this occasion I fancy that he will be thwarted by another of his age, the 13-year-old Redders Boy, who ran so well against Flying Orchid and Prince Rock at Chepstow just before Christmas.

rider, P. Hobbs, who would appear to have an excellent chance of winning the first division of the Pionghman's Novices Steepleriase riding Arctic Heir, who is trained not all that far from the course at Bridgwater by John Thorne. Arctic Heir may not be anything out of the ordinary, but he still looks in a class of his own today. To say that his opposition does not amount to much is an understatement.

their analysts, the Jockey Club

announced that there would be an

exchange of information about the

mounted. "But I would like to

see him run again before making a definite decision about Chelten

rd. Tarthistle fell Berry.

Arthur Moore, Vulabaloo's
burth.

Arthur Moore, Vulabaloo's
trainer, earlier saddled Romany
odness: Bannow Count to win the Hangover Handi-

Rambler made no serious mistakes cap Hurdle. The successful rider today", said his trainer, Padge was Stephen Kemble, a 7 lb claimer Berry, as Michael Furloug dis-

1.0 PLOUGHMAN'S STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £424:

1.30 ROADMEN'S HURDLE (Handicap: £369: 2m)

2.0 NORTON FITZWARREN STREPLECHASE (Handicap: £751:

230 PLOUGHMAN'S STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £417:

2m)

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8 00-000 Sparking Targus, W. James, 6-11-2 R. C. Edwards 7

10 00-000 Sparking Targus, W. James, 6-11-2 Mr Williams

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12 Viking Spirk, 5, Mellor, 7-11-2 Mr Williams

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3.0 HEDGECUTTERS HURDLE (Handicap: £502: 2m 3f)

His overall record this

Uncle Leslie can run

rivals into ground in

Ditchdiggers Hurdle

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

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Racing will resume at Taunton today, touch wood. In view of the recent weather it would be toolish to take anything for granted, but at least the stewards there were able to pass the course fit for racing yesterday which is a step in the right direction. The frost had come out of the ground and no further inspection is planned. However, the frost at Doncaster, today's other scheduled meeting, was sufficient to cause abandonment.

The meetings at Haydock Park and Sandown Park on Friday and Saturday look set-fair, with soft ground forecast at both meetings. Frost has cleared at Haydock, and,

Frost has cleared at Haydock, and, with a mild night forecast, no inspection is planned. Sandown's frost has virtually disappeared and, provided there is no more overnight, no inspection will take place there. Sandown and Haydock are due to be joined on saturday by Market Rasen, and provided the mild weather continues, the Lincolnshire course should be fit for racing.

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If ever a man started the new year on a good note it was Richard Head who trains in Lambourn. Fresh, or not so fresh, which ever happened to be applicable, from a riotous New Year's Eve party in that famed valley, he carried his own celebrations a stage further on New Year's Day at Windsor where he sadeled three winners—his first treble. Two of those winners were ridden by John Francome, and at Taunton today Head will again have the champion jockey on his side when he tries to win the Dirchdiggers Handicap Hurdle with Uncle Leslie.

racehorses, are to pass on the secrets of their new detection techniques to their counterparts in Ireland and France.

The breakthrough

in Ireland and France:
The breakthrough came after years of research at Racecourse Security Services Laboratories.
Traces were found in two race-horses which ran in November. An investigation is taking place.

Bannow Rambler was the only favourite to win at Fairybouse, the only race meeting in Britain yesterday. Both Doncaster and Lingfield were abandoned. Bannow Rambler,

were abandoned. Bannow Rambler, a four lengths winner of the Sweet Dreams Steeplechase, remains a 12-1 chance for the Cheltenham Gold Cup with William Hill.

The race was slow, run over two and a quarter miles. Vulabaioo was second and San Gennaro 20 lengths farther away third. Tarthigtle fell but was remointed to finish a distance away fourth.

Taunton programme

Sharing doping detection

Bannow Rambler finds

distinction in victory

recently that for the between the Bridsh, Irish and they had discovered French racing authorities and anabolic steroids in their analysts, the lockey Club

The man in ladies' lingerie leads Northern Premier League team to FA Cup glory

Northwich warm to Ogden touch

By Gerry Harrison
The football season began unpromisingly for Paul Ogden, the sales manager of a clothing firm specializing in ladies' lingerie. As a favour for a friend be came out of retirement in a Leek and District Student Leek and District Student Leek and District Student Leeken or retriement in a Leek and his-trict Sunday League match as substitute for Gym XI against the Britannia Building Society, had a moment of misunderstanding with the referee and was sent off.

Things have improved con-siderably since then and Mr Ogden is making a deserved name for himself on the right side of the law as the manager of Northern Premier League side, Northwich Victoria. For the first time in the Victoria. For the first time in the club's 102-year history they have reached the third round of the FA Cup. At the Drill Field ground, just behind the town's bus station, most of a 10,000 crowd will be expecting to see Watford, of the fourth division become the next victims on Saturday. victims on Saturday.

"That is one of our problems", Mr Ogden says. "Because we have already beaten Rochdale and then division Peterborough the town expects us to win as a matter of course. We are having a good season but there is more to season but there is more to winning cup matches than that." Northwich, one of the Cheshire salt towns and ICI bases is bypassed these days by the main Chester Manchester. although "The Greens", formed the year Disraeli took over from Gladstone as Prime Minister, were original members of the second division but soon fell upon stony ground. For years the town has struggled to support two professional sides, with Witton Albion of the Cheshire League gradually forced into a supporting role with more history than supporters. The highest post-war gate, in fact, was

When Mr Ogden took over Northwich 18 months ago he resolved to change the traditional make-up of the non-league side:
"It has been a deliberate policy to restrict the number of ex-league players in the club. er-league players in the club. From my experience you get erratic performances from them, usually good at home but not so impressive away. The average age of these players is about 25 or 25, with three of them, Frank Corrigan, Les Wain and Jeft Swede, only 21 and real goers." Phillip Smith, the leading scorer, is a Liverpool school-teacher and played for British Universities. One exception to Mr Ogden's principle is John Farmer, exchange or information about the new techniques. The meeting was one of a series aimed at standardizing the rules on doping throughout Europe. "We are unanimous in our intention of introducing a common policy", a Jockey Club spokesman said.



Frank Corrigan (left) and Jeff Swede, two of Northwich's three 21-year-olds.

the former Stoke City and Eng-land under-23 goalkeeper. Farmer was pushed into the background was pushed into the background at Stoke first by the arrival of Gordon Banks then by the signing of Peter Shilton. He fell our with Tony Waddington, the manager, as well as top-class football and quit the game. Two successful Leek hairdressing salons later he was led gently back into football by Ogden when the original Northwich goalkeeper was badly injured at work. "Farmer's only 28 wich goalkeeper was badly injured at work. "Farmer's only 28 and wants to get back into league football now", his manager says. Northwich, handily placed in the Northern Premier League with

games in hand of the leaders, Matlock, began their FA Cup run in the warmth of autumn beating local rivals Nantwich and Witton, then Rhyl after a replay and Burton Albion. In the first round they were matched against Rochdale, beating them at the third attempt at Maine Road, Manchester. In the first game against Peterborough, Northwich were losing 1—0 when fog fell on the pitch and the game was abandoned. Three days later after some tactical readjustment Peterborough were thrashed by four goals to

cent effort. Gradually the players gap between them and the League did not exist. We were lucky to get a second chance against Peter-borough and did some good home-The rumble this week is all

The rumble this week is an about tickets and the insult from Watford of refusing to play under the Drill Field floodlights. So Northwich have learned that one glant-killing act makes the world take notice. The second puts you into a different league forever and Watford will not rely on their thost pediarses alone.

Boxing

Liverpool may be "He has a choice between a conditions event in England or the Thyestes Chase at Gowran Park. After that, we can make up our minds whether he would be a worthy challenger for the Gold Cup. This year could be his fifth chance at Chelterham", added Rerre. stage for Conteh

The Blackpool boxing promoter The Blackpool boxing promoter, Manny Goodall, is hoping to stage John Conteh's world light heavyweight title defence against 30-year-old Miguel Cuello, of the Argentine, at Liverpool Stadium in early March.

London promoter Jack Solomons said on Tuesday that he had been negotiating for the bout, which he hoped to stage in England on a date and at a venue yet to be decided.

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The World Boxing Council have fixed tomorrow as the deadline for negotiations to be finalized for the contest, for which another London promoter, Mike Barrett, had an offer rejected by Conteh.

Mr Goodall said vesterday: "I have found John Conteh and his brother, Tony, very easy to do business with. I am not disclosing the purse because I think that is between the fighter and myself, but Conteh will get his fair share and the public will see the fight at a fair price."

Liverpool Stadium, opened in 1932, has never staged a world title match. It seats just under 4,000 and boxing was recently revived there by another promoter, Charlie Atdinson.

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Richard Dunn, British heavy-weight boxing champion until he was knocked out in the first round by Joe Bugner, is to return to the ring next month. He is to box Lucien Rodriguez, a leading French heavyweight, at Caesar's Palace, Lutton, on February 28.
"If I don't win it, I will retire", Dunn said yesterday. His manager, George Biddles, said: "Richard must win this and at least two more contests, and if he cannot do that I will make sure he packs in."

Golf

Australian hopes 13th assault will be luckier

Tony Johnstone, undaunted by his limited success has made another journey from Australia to compete in the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's President's Pursay tournament. cambridge Golfing Society's Fresident's Putter tournament, which
begins at Rye, in Sussex, today. In
his 12 previous visits Johnstone,
a schoolmaster in Sydney, has only
once reached the second round,
and that was last year when he
brought off a surprise success
over a former winner, John
Usialis Unfortunately for Johnstone, he

faces a big task in his first-round match; he meets the holder. Michael Reece, who has been twice Lancashire champion. Ted Dexter, the former England cricket captain, also makes another attempt to win this opening tournament of the new season. Since first appearing in 1957, he has twice been losing finalist, in 1969 and 1972. Peter Hulmes is his first opponent.
David Marsh, the Walker Cup player, who is in Dexter's half of the draw, clashes with a London

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Detroit Red Wings 2. Washington Capitals 2: Van couver Canucks 2. Philosophy Personns 2: St Louis Bives 4, Los Angeles Kings

ice hockey

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N. B. H. Boulard (CB: (1.70).
155.21; 5. F. J. Lebenfrost (hastra-15.00): 175.00; 4. M. Brusto (lastra-(1.80). 175.60; 5. R. Smith (GB: (1.70).
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Tennis

Shoulder injury keeps out Shanklin

captain, will miss the knock-out competition match against Bath at Old Deer Park on Saturday. Shanklin damaged his shoulder against Lianelli at Stradey Park on the holiday tour of Wales and is replaced by Christopher Williams.

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London Welsh are making their third attempt to play this first round tie; it has twice been post-poned because of frozen pitches. The winners meet Northampton in the second round. Middlesbrough have dropped centre Bob Homan for the first time this season and bring in Steve Rutland for their home tie with Birmingham.

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Paul O'Donnell, a 19-year-old full back who made his debut against Rugby last week, keeps his place in the London Irish team at home to the Royal Air Force.

Mahoney continues at scrum half in the absence of Frost and

Webster, another newcomer, has his second game at flanker. Webster, who comes from Hayant, was introduced to the Irish by their prop forward White.

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scrum half borrowed from the Kettering club, and 20-year-old Steven Russell.

Moseley will be without their three England internationals, Barry Curless, Martin Cooper and Nigel Horton. They will all be attending the international training weekend at Twicketham. Hill deputizes for Corless, Cusworth is at ity half, and Field stands in for Horton. Morley will be without captain John Shepherd and his usual partner in the centre Parrish for the visit to Selkirk. Their places are filled by Jenkins and Holbert and ity half Mills takes over the leaderstip.

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Rosslyn Park, who have averaged seven changes a match this sea-son, are once more grateful for their large first team pool of players for Saturday's game with London Scottish at Roehampton.

British Lion David Duckham will be playing for Coventry extra first XV at Cardiff on Saturday instead of in the first team game against Birkenhead Park at Counnon Road. He is still seeking match fitness

and his place in the centre goes to Stuart Hamilton.

The Irish Rugby Union are likely to reject an invitation by South Africa to send a team on a short tour of the Republic this year. The invitation it is understood, specified Ulster, the inter-provincial champions, or the Wolffnonds.

At their meeting tomorrow the union seem sure to be mindful of the pressure that could be brought to bear by anti-apartheid groups should they accept South Africa's

Scotland launching strong over a minute attack on boys' title ahead of rivals

Sauze d'Oulx, Italy, Jan 5.—A total of 120 British boys and girls are emered for the British junior alpine ski championships which open here tomorrow with two-leg slalom races. The organizers' main problem at the moment is whether there may be too much snow. If the course is too soft, it might not hold up for the 79 boys and 41 girls, all under 16.

Among the boys, competition is reckoned to be wide open, since all those who dominated last year have moved up to intermediate and national levels. But a heavy entry from Scotland indicates the championship the could go north of the border. A clearer idea should emerge this evening when the organizers multish their list of the organizers publish their list of

Among the girls, many eyes will be on the slight, delicate 14-year-old Kirsten Cairns, in the top four last year and showing great promise in practice here. Some believe that Miss Cairns could be Britain's next Valentina Iliffe, one of the country's most successful skiers at international level. Other

skiers at international level. Other leading contenders for honours in the girls category are Felicity Blythe, Julia Eastes and Sara Brackshaw.

The championships conclude on Friday with a two-leg giant sialom for the boys, and a single-leg one for the girls. On Saturday there will be an international giant slalom team event, expected to attract entries from Italy, Switzerland, France and other skiing nations.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

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Scotland finish

The British Alpine ski cham-pionships opened at Val d'Isere yesterday with an aperitif—the home international between Scotland, England and Wales. The giant slalom course, down which peted, was covered by eight inches of fresh snow overnight and was rutted and bumpy. Many did not complete the

course—including the whole English team—and Scotland won convincingly with an overall time set by Peter Fuchs, Alan Lobozzo and Garek Begg of 4min 36.49sec. Wales (Ivan Jones, Roland Raikes and David Morris) had a total time of 5min 58.29sec. Snow last night and warmer weather meant hard work for the Val d'Isere pisteurs on the down-hili course in the early hours of dawn. Conditions for the last training run were slower, and smoother than on the previous two days. The once dreaded dip of the compression has now virtually been filled in.

course—including

As only our top racers have the chance to do more than one downhill race a year, there has always been a dispute as to whether only a slalom and giant slalom should qualify for the national champion-ships. In the early days of racing, our downhill racers dominated international events with their courage. Now the technique is more important and British racers are starting, when young, on artificial slopes or in Scotland where downhill training is im-

where downhill training is impossible.

Many think they should concentrate on slalom and giant slalom.

All the racers here have enjoyed the opportunity to train on a downhill course and the progress made by those who have never skied downhill before has been striking. Many who were anytions striking. Many, who were anxious at the beginning of the week, are now racing with confidence. In the first group today will be Fuchs, David Cargill, Lobozzo and Quentin Sutton. Sutton's speciality is slalom, Cargill and Lobozzo are racing well bur Enche stands out is statom, Cargill and Lobozzo are racing well but Fuchs stands out as the favourite. In the first group for the women, Anne Robb and Lucy Bolmes may have the edge in slatom and giant slatom respectively, but Hazel Hutcheon looked the most impressive in downhill training, taking a fast smooth line. After a light-hearted approach to the team giant slatom approach to the team giant slalom yesterday, everyone is serious about winning today.

Football

Keegan back to face **Crystal Palace**

Liverpool will have England forward Kevin Keegan back in their team for Saturday's FA Cup third round match with Crystal Palace at Antield. He has missed the last two matches shoulder injury.

manager, expects to have a full strength party available.
David Swindlehurst, who has a bruised shin, is Crystal Palace's only doubt, but he is expected to be fit.

Four Everton players. Bernard. Telfer, Kenyon and Pearson, are all doubtful for their home match with Stoke City, although they resumed light training after

recovery from a persistent ankle injury and will play his first FA Cup game for the club. Rodney Marsh, out of action since November, is likely to be back for Fulham's game with Swindon. The former England and

calf muscle in a reserve game a

said.

George Best is making good progress following an ankle injury. "George is still limping, but he trained today and he wants to play on Saturday. That is the important thing." Mr Campbell said.

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Fulham also have Strong under treatment for a hamstring pull and goalkeepers Gerry Peyton and Richard Teale both recovering after injury.

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Ipswich Town hope to include Mariner against Bristol City. Mariner is doing light training after being out of action since December 18 with deep bruising of

December 16 with deep brinsing or his right thigh. Trevor Whymark, who has been suffering from a back injury since before Christmas, and defender Allan Hunter (broken

toe) are both considered doubtful for the tie. Southampton, the holders, re-

turn to FA Cup action on Saurday without four of the men who helped them beat favourites. Manchester United in the final at Wembley last May.

Peter Rodrigues, the captain,
and goalkeeper lan Turner are
ruled out by knee injuries,
Wembley goalscorer Bobby Stokes
has lost his place to MacDongall
and Ball now wears the No 7 shirt

Kettering Town, whose unbeaten record ended after 33 games on Monday when they lost 4—1 at home to Margate in a Southern

Merrick, a former West Brom-wich Albion midfield man, flew to the United States just before christmas to sort out details of his contract in the American league next season, but Kettering have persuaded a local businessman to pay his return home fare.

Walsall, of the third division,

wan to pay his return home fare.
Walsall, of the third division,
expect 5,000 fans to back their
attempt to make history repeat
itself in the match against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Two years ago Walsall held
United to a 0—0 draw at Old
Trafford and won the replay 3—2.
Should realize the necessary Should replays be after Saturday's matches, take place as follows: unless stated otherwise).

Crerand blames commuting

for resignation

Pet Crerand, the former Scotland and Manchester United wing half, yesterday resigned after four months as Northampton Town manager. He wrote a letter from his Manchester home to the Northampton chairman, Neville Porson in which he said he his Manchester home to the Northampton chairman, Neville Ronson, in which he said he was resigning because of the difficulties of continually commuting from Manchester, living in hotels and trying to sell a house in Manchester and buying one in Northampton.

Northempton.
Mr Crerand took over at Northempton in August. The team had little success. They are next to bottom in the third division and were knocked out of the FA Cup by a non-league side, Leatherhead. Northempton will not immediately advertise for a manager. The trainer, John Petts, will be in charge, helped by two directors and three players.

Derby County directors are expected today to give Colin Murphy the manager's post, which he has

filled "on trial missal of Dave Mackay.

Should Northampton choose to look outside the club for Mr successor, Michael Crerand's successor, Michael Bailey, the transfer-listed Wolver-hampton Wanderers captain, would be an obvious candidate. He has stressed that his immediate future

Referee sends off entire Ecuador team

Montevideo, Jan 4.—Hector ball team during the second half

Rodriguez, in his first intermatch, dismissed players one by on off one of the side for a crude tackle. He had earlier sent off Carlos Delgado. the Ecuador goalkeeper, for time-wasting.

Ecuador took the lead in the 5th minute through Angel iciardi. Uruguay equalized with goal from Fernando Morena 25th minute Liciardi, Urug

Hartlepool bid is rejected

A bid of £24,000 by Hartlepool to buy their Victoria Ground from the local council has been re-jected. The ground was sold by the club for £10,000 10 years ago, but since then the council have paid for a new stand and flood-lights at an estimated cost of £60,000.

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Five Days in June By Stefan Heym

(Hodder & Stoughton, £4.95) The common western view of the demonstrations in East Berlin on June 17, 1953 has it that workers of the infant German Democratic Republic, entaged by the continuing impositions of their Soviet-controfied Government, called a general strike and broke through the Brandenburg Gate in a spontaneous grab for freedom and solidarity with their brother Berliners in the West. The Allies were excited, but embarrassed by diplomatic obligation, and the Russians restored order. From this picture Stefan Heym removes the symbolic breaching of the Gate completely, adding to it agents provocateurs from the West German Social Democratic

Party, a total lack of forward

planning by the demonstrators

and a torrential thunderstorm which, almost as much as the clattering tanks, sent them all home before dark. Still one of the most controversial events in post-war German history, June 17 is commemorated by a public holiday in Bonn and officially dismissed on Marx-Engels Platz as a vicious counter-revolutionary flop. Any other interpretation is taboo, and for an East German writer to write a povel about "the five days" is an act of courage and importance. Heym's purpose is to remind his fellow-citizens and Marxists of their constitutional right and duty to participate in their own Government, to criticize themselves and their Party unceasingly in order to preserve the ingty in order to preserve the purity and humanity of the revolution. The relevant passage from the Fourth Party Congress in April 1954 makes the point with apparent nobility and is placed at the head of the whole book. Irony and ruefulness, of course, are two of Heym's most commanding humanity.

commanding humours. refugee twice, from Hitler's Germany and McCarchy's America, he describes himself as "absolutely committed to the revolutionary principle". Since 1953 he has lived in East Berlin, the least described to the revolutionary principle ". Since 1953 he has lived in East Berlin, the loyer citizen of a country which awarded him its National Prize but forbade all publication of his most recent work. The Queen Against Defoe (1870) and The King David Report (1972, and one of the wost brilliently subver-Herr Heym is right to be bitter at the patronizing, eternal sive movels to come out of

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Eastern Europe in the past 10 years) have now been published in the GDR, but Five Days in June has not.

At first, it seems easy to see why. There is no chance that this one might pass safely over people's heads with nice historical analoof past places, systems times: it is intended and times: It is intended to hit them straight between the eyes in the language of their own city the day
before yesterday. But in writing
a didactic novel to appeal to
the widest range of his fellowcitizens Heym seems to have suppressed some of his more disturbing talents, and denied himself the chance to explore the nature of social, cultural and political totalitarianism with all the means at his diswith all the means at his disposal. In fact, much of it was written more than 20 years ago, shortly after the incidents it describes, and laid eside. Herr Heym is a far older and better

There is little sense that these

There is little sense that these events are taking place in Berlin: the city itself is absent, and is replaced by a proletariant limbo in which English of some quaintness is spoken ("Great God, no!" "You fellows", etc.). Heym holds his comic imagination fiercely in check: having with obvious delight discovered a gentleman whose sole job it is to compute the cost of changing the name of Chemnitz to Karl-Marx Stadt down to the last letter-head and street sign, he allows him to slip out of the novel before he has time to enrich it with that sense of ourrage at history debauched which so enlivens The King David Report. He sugars the always uncomfort. sugars the always unconfortable pall of what one might call revolutionary orthodoxy with so many features familiar and reassuring to those living East of the Elbe that surely publica-tion can only be a matter of

Enemies of the revolutionary principle are easily identified principle are easily identified by the generous provision of complementary vices and ab-surdities. They treat their women like apes, flinging wives to the pavement, raping, beat-ing or locking them up. If not actually ex-Nazis or organizers of slave-labour in Nazi-occupied Ukraine, they were passive Ukraine, they were passive beneficiaries of the Führer's world-order, as of the Weimar and Wilhelmine orders before it. Some have criminal records and gangster nicknames; others work the black market and est off the Kurfürstendamm; the woman who welcomes them to the West is a middle-class twit who speaks in "a prim little voice" and, failing to recog-nise a poster of Marx, appears not even to know her enemy by his face. (In West Berlin in 1953?).

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the West—the speech he quotes of Egon Bahr on the RIAS radio acclaiming both the demon-stration itself and the "his-toric" necessity that the West toric" necessity that the West should not be seen to intervene in its favour achieves heights of complacency rarely sustained even by Ulibricht and Grotewohl themselves—but Heym is a novelist who has chosen the novel through which to express his anger, and novels, at least novels deprived of much leavening noety and wit need people. ing poetry and wit, need people, not angels and bogies, to bring them to life. This one is over-loaded.

The hero himself is a little more complicated, or might seem so to readers unfamiliar with those of Graham Greene or V. S. Neipaul. Martin Witte is a union secretary who wishes at all costs to keep the plant in production, to convince, not compel, his fellow-workers to accept the raised work-norms in the vision of a better future for all. Fine, but Witte is too ticketed with virtues: unlike many German Communists, he refused to join the Nazi attack on the Socialists of Weimar; he broke a leg in Mauthausen concentration camp; he is attractive to, and kindly with, his women. He is, Greeneishly, something of an homme fatal: others collapse or die from stones and bullets aimed at him. He is certainly sympathetic and painstakingly honest, but so circumscribed by ineffable goodness that, again, we feel the novelist's ordering hand too

Witte's closing speech, on the need to cherish the individual too easily concealed in the collective mass, would be approved on paper by every vile and virtuous regime in the world: it is the disturbing links between these fine phrases and those of Ulbricht, Lenin and Bahr, between all public words and actions, that Heym fails to establish in this excessively

Who was it who said: a sick men's revolution? But it's not the revolution that makes us sick—one read attack on some Winder Palace, and I'd be a well man. It is the non-revolution, the administered revolution, and in this country with its history, which changes the chemistry of the body so that the fatal cholesterol collects in the arteries.

Exactly. Heym's volatile historial imagination is not en-tirely underdeveloped here, but rather sharper than Five Days in June will be required to pierce the fatty tissue of oblivious German contenument which, 24 years after the events of late round the intractably nonrevolutionary heart of Com-

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The Illustrated Cat By Jean-Claude Suares and Seymour Chwast (Omnibus Press, £3.95)

The ancieut Egyptians, a rightthinking people, worshipped the cat. This respectable precedent is presumably still followed, witness two luxurious new offerings upon that altar: The Book of Cats and The Illustrated Cat, a "poster book ".

The first roams wide, in prose and verse as well as pic-tures, and represents the attitudes of some eighty celebrat-ed and sometimes unlikely people. Who would expect to find Alan Sillitoe in the same galère as Lytton Strachey? Or Verlaine and P. G. Wodehouse? Or Baudelaire and Borrow? But one must not be deterred by the eminence or oddity of the contributors from asking what it is they care for: cats or only what can be

made of them? Saki, exploiting the awkwardness of having one which joins unasked in polite conversation, is obviously only using the creature; a monkey or a parrot (though not a dog), you feel would do as well. W. W. Usobe is inspiious and hour. Jacobs is ingenious and heart-less. Whereas Gautier, who might be expected to be less. Whereas Gautier, who might be expected to be merely elegant and Romantic. is plainly interested in his Pierrot and Seraphita. Hardy is of the elect: his cat means much to him. So, eventually, is

a seventeenth-century

empiric, cat is just material for various vile nostrums; one which asserts that car's dung "cures Baldness", besides being useful, is the most likely to appeal to the tender-hearted. Patricia Highsmith's cat is naturally mixed up with murder, or one should say, justifiable homicide. So the reader will pick his way between fancy and (less usually) observation, between the exploiter and, as the cynical exploiter and, as the cynical will say, the exploited, between those who use cats and those who can't help being used by them. In this last and most admirable class may be placed Dorothy L. Sayers, Christopher Smart, Harold Monro (of course), a sometime Keeper of the Expression Cat Mumphise in

the Egyptian Cat Mummies in the British Museum, and a Miss Topping who died at Vendome in 1841 and whose will, reported in The Times with quiet relish, left a capital sum, and specific instructions, for the upkeep of Nina, Fanfan and Mini.

At best, however, both books bear the mark of the one-cat mind, the rather parcissistic, self-gratulatory mingling of fondness and complacency that is so often disconcerted when the animal declines to conform. These are bard words, but there are higher standards. Anyone who ministers to an establishment of five will have had glimpses of a larger realm. of cats among themselves, friendly as well as playful, respecting an invalid or one about to relieve itself, capable, it almost seems, of what can only be termed loving-kindness. So even the "poster book". tempting us with pictures rather than comment, is not quite the revelation we should like. Excellent painters bave tried their hand at it—Renoir, Picasso, the Douanier Rouseau Paul King for example. seau, Paul Klee, for example, though it is the Orientals who perhaps come nearest it. And North America provides, among strip cartoons and popular advertisements, a series of paive portraits of (with one or two exceptions) uninstructed little girls clutching cats uncom-fortably. Saki's cat would probably have been pretty acid about them.

In sight of duty

Past Forgetting By Kay Summersby Morgan

(Collins, £4.95) The author, the daughter of an Anglo-Irish colonel, was General Eisenhower's driver during the Second World War, and along the line of advance they became lovers. At war's end, the Supreme Allied Commander requested permission from Washington to divorce his wife in order that they could marry. The request was refused, and he returned home to soldier on dutifully until he became the President of the United States. They never saw each other again.

Mrs Summersby Morgan waited until she was dying before writing her love story. It is told simply and without regret or self-pity, and to that extent is a pleasantly sad period piece instantly translatable into a tear-jerking movie starring the son and daughter of Walter Pidgeon and Greer Garson.

It amounts to little more although she was a member of the general's personal staff, and came to know the war's great captains better than most ADCs. She was even present when Eisenhower first discussed the possible military and political consequences of the Bomb long before Clement Attlee, the then Prime Minister, knew that is existed. A momentous occasion, one would have thought, but it is only casually referred to as background to their affair.

The engaging simplicity and informality of Eisenhower is well documented. He really was a nice guy, but behind the bland public face was West Point discipline almost Prussian in its unquestioning dedication to duty. On one occasion in Lon-don she showed Eisenhower the l'ouse where Mrs Simpson once lived. "A shane", he said. "The king lost sight of duty." Eisenhower did not, or so she preferred to believe as she awaited death.

Louis Heren

Paperbacks of the Month in the Saturday Review this week will include Stewart Conn on the novels of Neil Gunn: J. C. Jan Stephens

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The rest of the new novels

Blue Skies

By Helen Hodgman (Duckworth, £2.95)

Before the Crying Ends By John L. Hughes (Bodley Head, £3.50)

Nothing could be more welcome for the New Year than a really promising-sud highly individual-first novel; two in one month is cause for celebration. Blue Skies is just over 100 pages long, and Before the Crying Ends only half as much again: both appear to be brief and melancholy tales, unduly concerned with the sadness and the limitations of life and circumstances, yet both are enlivened by wit and a knack for the stunningly vivid turn of phrase.

The heroine of Blue Skies is a desperately bored young housewife who lives in a Tasmanian equivalent of South Coast suburbia. Once hubby has gone to work she is left alone with baby Angelica, stranded up on that beach like the poor dumb turtle I Michael Ratcliffe once saw in a film"; round

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law with a strong line in babytalk and pink bed-jackets and a keen eye for parental mis-demeanours. Truancy and day-dreams offer the only escape from "numberless days when the clock always said three o'clock in the afternoon, no matter what you did to it": she acts out elaborate sexual fantasies with the arty husband of her best friend, consorts with a suitably dubious English cap-tain who runs a restaurant with pretensions (and is viewed with deep distrust by the locals), works up a consuming hatred for her next door neigh-bour, an effusive, predatory Edna Everage figure with a weakness for gnomes and Spanish-style garden furniture, whose struggles to twist and hack nature into conformity with her breezily vulgar social aspirations seem all too symptomatic of man's destruction of his environment. As the cloud-less, stifling summer stretches interminably on, something is bound to give way.

the corner hovers a mother-in-

Flailing the boredom and futility of suburban life is hardly virgin territory, though the knife is given an additional twist by reminders that the Tasmanian Aborigines were wiped out to clear the way for a paradise of garden gnomes and plugin electric lawnmowers: what makes Blue Skies a joy to read is the energy and colour of the

writing a meticulous—and very funny—gift for dialogue, and the author's ability to evoke character and a shimmering, heat-drenched landscape with a marvellous economy of words. Set in a South Wales mining town, Bejore the Crying Ends is much less immediately attractive and accessible. The story of a young—and married—miner's hopeless love affair with his brother's wife, it's written in a kind of telegraphic monologue which the unsuspecting reader may find fairly heavy going to begin with ("And you take hold of her hand. And you

feel them fingers tighten on your palm. A girl feel. A woman feel . . . "). Persistence will be more than adequately rewarded. however: Hughes's eccentric and initially irritating style is curiously effective and sympathetic, and succeeds wonderfully well in evoking a damp, grey, boozy, claustrophobic and—for all its articulacy—oddly uncommuni-cativ world. A pleasing bonus is a monumentally gloomy Welsh funeral, complete with cold meats and an exchange of lugubrious insults between the assembled mourners, while the rain is "bashing at the window panes like some mad sod is

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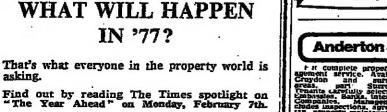
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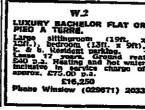
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Norman Hartnell's sketches for two of his creations. On the left, a black wedding dress of lace over satin. On the right, the Queen's Paris Opera dress

Hartnell: The Norman conquest

"Had I the heavens' embroidered cloths, Enwrought with golden and silver light, The blue and the dim and the dark cloths Of night and light and the half light, I would spread the cloths under your feet."

So wrote Years. For night, read knight, At long last the designer whose popular fame resides in the corruscating spangles with which he has decked our native royal deities for nearly half a century has been honoured with the KCVO. Only the American Norman Norell could match sequins with Hartnell, though Rose Kennedy, when her husband was American Ambassador to London, recalls an occasion when the beads on her dress—it was of turquoise satin, but she does not tell us who by, became enmeshed with those on the pink satin gown of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, now the Queen Mother, who was doubtless kitted out by the devoted Norman.

If you are going to be pre-empted on a longplanned piece about a particular person I can think of no nicer way to lose one's journalistic initiative than by the subject's being recognized by the state, especially when that recognition has been an area of campaign, indeed nagging, in column and conversation. It is no secret that I dearly wanted Norman Hartnell to be knighted, not only because he is a brilliantly gifted man whose career as a designer has been both uniquely straightened and yet warped but also because I so passionately want the English to admit that they can do fashion on a world-bearing level. After all, we have the most expensive and elaborate free education system for designers in the world, yet all too often I feel that, as a nation, we are only conscious of the audible sound, visually blind, and are positively embarrassed by elegance which is not an essential of life, even if some of us believe beauty and colour are essentials to the spirit. We honour pop stars, composers, actors, lots of whom I find dreary in the extreme, and neglect so many who enhance our environment, and in environment I include fashion. Small wonder that so many of our taxpayertrained talents find greater sympathy abroad.

So I had planned some weeks back to make Norman Hartnell the subject of today's page. First, because, in case you could possibly have forgotten, this is Silver Jubilee Year, and in my province that can only be kicked off with the greatest of the royal designers. Second, because the advent of the Jubilee provided a once-for-all peg to examine the worth of a most unusual man, who has achieved, I think, the most difficult and at the same time the only true pinnacle of the creative artist. Superlative in one medium, he has put aside the temptation to find that medium limited and to diversify—that now discredited business word -his skills, possibly well, possibly not, and to concentrate on bringing to that medium, which he is superlative, a new dimension. The analogy is surely the skater John Curry.

Norman Harmell was born in 1901 and dis-

covered as a designer by Corisande, Miss Minnie Hogg, correspondent of the Evening Standard, who in 1922 happened to see a Cambridge Footlights production and to be inspired by the efforts of the man who had done the costumes. Harmell was the first English designer to win damages against a pirate, in his case the famous Lucile, Lady Duff-Gordon, sister of Eleanor Glyn, patron of Molyneaux, who won a newspaper competition offering a place in her diminishing salon. He made Barbara Cartland's first wedding dress—long, rulle frills, when short sharp beads were all the thing—and her book The Isthmus Years is filled with recollections of his charm and generating tions of his charm and generosity.

Charles Creed, Worth, Molyneaux, Redfern were all English names famous in Paris when Norman Hartnell showed his first collection there in 1928. Afterwards, the great American designer Mainbocher who has just died (his real name was Main Bocher, but it was the era of the curvosether, like Louisboulenges) told of the run-together, like Louisboulanger) told him: "I have never seen so many incredibly beautiful dresses so incredibly badly made."

But great things beckoned. The young Harmell got the job of designing the wedding dress for Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott when she married the Duke of Gloucester, and dressed the bridesmaids, who included Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose. In 1937 he provided the dresses for the Maids of Ronour at the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, but not, as is sometimes stated, the Queen's robe, which was done by Madame Handley-Seymour, and the sketch of which by Irene Segalla some readers may remember from this page in the past. From then on the story is familiar; the Winterhalter inspired crinolines, the white outfits for the Queen's state visit to Paris when she was in mourning, the war service with ideas for utility mourning, the war service with ideas for utility clothes, the total assimilation into royal style with all it demanded and all it implies for a creative mind which should always be moving

Norman Hartnell himself says that his career has had three phases. To begin with, he was famous for ingenue, pretty dresses for innocent young girls. Then he discovered his love for the stage and began to dress very sexy, very stage and began to these very saxy, very sophisticated women who inspired him and taught him another tack in design. Then all his private clients wanted to look sexy, too. Harmell was the Jacques Fath, you could say. Then Royalty struck, the briefs were inordinate, lengths predetermined, colours specified, construction geared to what had got to be pripaged. struction geared to what had got to be pinned to what. It made me laugh to read that some peeress had found herself wearing what she thought was the same dress as the Queen at the recent opening of Parliament, because I happen to know that the Queen, sensible as always, never wears a new dress for an occasion on which heavy, cumbersome robes which pull at the shoulders of the dress and, anyway, hide 90 per cent of it, are also on the ensemble, quite apart, of course, from the fact that no-one ever has a dress exactly like the

Then all the customers wanted the Royal style, or as near to it as was permissible, and as Royal style has moved inexorably away from high fashion, into the ikon mould which brings comfort and confidence to people when the idea of a monarchy is both more scarce and to many irrelevant, so Hartnell was caught in what I call the Royal cul-de-sac, famous, yes, able to branch out, no. The sweetest and most charming of men, he has taken the limitations imposed on him without a word of complaint, indeed with joy and devotion to his Ladies whom he so well understands and serves; and if there are barbed comments, jokes even, at the expense of certain Royal tenues be sweeps past them.

But to those who take a broader view his potential must be the ever-arguable point. Indubitably greater than Molyneaux, more fun than Dior, as jazzy as Bill Gibb, imbued with a passion for theatre design, would Harmell have been Erté, Edith Head, Georgardis, Adrian? Who knows; at any rate he is Sir Norman now.



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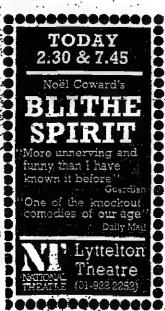
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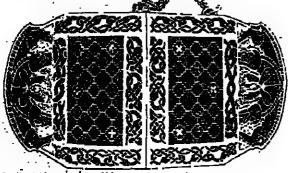


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That is the more to be regretted because it was such a mixed performance. Parts of it were excellent, but if it is true that there is just one step from the sublime to the ridiculous, she took that step, in both directions, several times in the course of the evening. Seymour is not, never was, and is hardly likely ever to become a virtuoso, so what she needs is time to find her own way to cope with the technical hazards. Granted that, her illuminating grasp of the character could shine as brightly as it deserves.

The duers as Odette found her at her best, moulded smoothly in the loving hands of Nureyev's Siegfried. couple also make more of the mimed passages then any other cast nowadays; a real case of poacher turned gamekeeper, considering Nureyev's attitudes to traditional mime 15 years ago.

As Odile, Seymour finds a phrasing of her own for the échappés in the "Black Swan" coda, two slow, sustained jumps followed by three smaller ones at normal speed. A comparable use of big and small movement for expression comes in her solo in the fourth act. But other passages, it has to be admitted, were laboriously or awkwardly negotiated. At least she is never dull; given the chance, she could become again quite could become again fascinating in this ballet. quite

Nureyev seemed to have found a whole new emphasis for his first-act solo, a reversion to the perambularary simplicity of initial concept, but with complex arm changes : coo complex, I thought. He too was on uneven form in the bravura sections, but thrilling at his best.

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PASSBINDE as daring in comparison with much of what we hear from the Soviet Union. Part of the secret of their

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Penderecki's Capriccio

Siegfried Palm for solo cello sounded little more than a box of tricks in comparison. But it or tricks in comparison. But it is the kind of work that can be welcomed for its extension of the instrument's rechnical range. For both composers and for Stravinsky, too in the Suite Italieone. Lesley Shrigley Jones found a promising variety of tone and dynamics. Closely and percentively parmeted by and perceptively parmered by Martin Roscoe, she played the Denisov pieces with real feeling.

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The solo planist, Isn
Holtham, earned our gratitude
for unearthing Rachmaninov's
rarely heard Variations on a
Theme of Chopin, Op 22, full
of unmistakable fingerprints
even if in need of pruning. Mr Holtham made a courageous arrack on difficult notes without persuading us that he sym-pathized with the composer's style. Dynamics and balance of tune and surrounding textures needed a far more careful calculation; nor was the sound he produced ever seductive enough in itself.

Prokofiev's sixth sonata seemer to lie closer to his heart as well as more comfortably under his fingers, but the inter-pretation still betrayed that he has only recently come of age.

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on all the

subjects that matter

Ensemble began Tuesday's concert, the fourth of the present series, with a presumably new piece by Leo Samama, a composer born in 1851 but about when pre-1951 but about whom programme notes revealed no urther details. Called Tombeau Concertant All the subject matter

Max Harrison

How does he find his original plays? "Weil, I read a lot. I'm in my office at eight every day and now we have a proper play reading system set up, which we didn't have when I arrived.

"It certainly is. So many in ourselves."

Stratford Festival?

ment because I was appointed from within the country—I was already embedded and seen to be working here. Nobody raised a peep—or if they did they didn't tell me. Robin was appointed from outside, and because it's about a doctor who served in the Spanish Civil War when I leave here a real and then in China where he became a national hero and a semi-Canadian—will take over.

take the production as a thes-trical party game ("How long can they keep it up?" inter-mittently spinning off into weightier matters).

Following the human life-

cycle, the questions take in

parental bullying, bureaucratic

questionnaires, sexual strate-

gies, riddles, and the actual circumstances of the performers. "Is real life basically an

escape from the theatre?"
Peter Deman asks, fixing us

with a cold interrogatory stare.

One kind of question that never

gets asked is the straight request for information. Instead,

questions figure as means of aggression, insinuation, and defence, or in circumstances

which separates Stockhausen

Television

Rooms

Thames

Alan Coren

I grow daily more astonished that the concrete gardens beneath our lovely tower blocks are not constantly filled with council undertakers peeling splayed housewives from the unyielding stone. For it is bizarre fact that while evening teledrama is almost exclusively escapist, afternoon teledrama is so grittily rooted in real life's grislier minutiae as surely to persuade the more vulnerable loner imprisoned in her solitary cell that the only answer to life's imponderables is to cover the budgie's eyes with a napkin and chuck herself over the nearest sill.

Instead of the safe evening hokum of cops, blonde and bald hurtling around Manhattan, or brooding Cornishmen in period costume breathing heavily over throbbing embonpoint, or Edwardian hostesses throwing fits beside some curdled posset, the afternoon cathode teams the afternoon cathode teams with poverty, failure, distress, petty crime, and, to choose just two from Tuesday afternoon's offerings on Crown Court and Marcus Welby, vivisection and epilepsy. And all these soap operas are distanced from life not at all; they take place in the all too recognizable contexts of waiting rooms, and slums, and police stations, and out-patient wards, and, in the new series currently under survey, seedy rooming houses.

What is more, they are for the most part authentic and unmelodramatic. I found Leslie Duxbury's script for Rooms far better than competent in its delineation and interreaction of character, and often quite startling in the dense economy of its dialogue: the heroine, a fugitive schoolteacher about to move into her bleak bedsitter. sums up the medical boredom she has fled thus: "I could look at him and see the paper on the wall behind him." Of her mother-in-law sho

offers no more by way of expo-sition than: "Sie from her towels", but it is enough. All this foreground action was fall-ingly counterpointed by the landledy's busy removal of all traces of the husband she had that day buried, this cleaning offering her the ideal opportunity to change the car's bedlinen. "He's called George", she explained, "I got him from a family called Sanders."

Rooms in short, well acted Rooms, in short, well acted

and unobtrusively directed, is far better than soap opera has any right to be, which makes it only more of a matter for con-cern that it now joins a stable already dedicated to the principle that life is grim. Person-ally, I can't help feeling they were safer afternoons when all one had to worry about was Jim.

Warship

BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds As I had never seen Warship

sail under any other skipper, Tuesday's remanning of the crew of this successful BBC1 series was a maiden voyage for me as well as for the two lead-ing men, Derek Godfrey and Robert Morris, playing the cap-tain of HMS Hero and his second-in-command.
Whether a new skipper and
No 1 will be to avid enthusiasts

of the series rather like the dropping of the first Mrs Dale is something I am unable to say. One regular viewer of Warship told me that the pleasure was in watching the strange other world of the Royal Navy. What carried the first episode of the 13-part series was Ian Mackintosh's plot, which had that much too rare quality of making one always wonder what was going to happen next.

HMS Hero, anyway, is now docked in Hongkong. The new

captain was playing host to a visiting MP (Clifford Rose). At the same time the French Were about to explode a bydrogen bomb and a British CND man (David Bailie) was planning to sail a boat into the explosion. A clever freelance journalist, Zoe Carter (Prunella Ransome), tricked the MP into sailing on the protest boat, but the MP in turn conned Miss Carter into going along.

Mr Mackintosh then had us

wondering how they would get out of the situation; then won-dering if the captain of HMS Hero would rescue them, for he had fallen, in a nice middle-aged

way, in love with Zoe.

Was this, I wondered, true to life? Would a lovesick captain of one of her Majesty's ships of the line actually use it to rescue his true love? It is nice to think he might.
The documentary side

Warship was, I think rather shaky. Of course the BBC must have the ship doing all the things a ship has to do, but I did not believe in the captain, nor the MP, nor the girl reporter. There was some pleasure, however, in that. It is always nice to sit before the television and debate the authenticity of characters, to wonder: would an MP ever do anything like that, even Mr Benn?

The episode ended on the cliff, with the MP and the CND man scorning rescue and sailing into the blast area. Hook enough, one thought, to drag any viewer along on a wet Tuesday in winter.

Romeo and Juliet at the Young Vic

After Charley's Aunt ends at the Young Vic on January 18 the production of A Man for All Seasons by Robert Bolt and Shakespeare's Antony and Clcopatra return to the repertoire for a short season from January 18 to February 16. The first new production of 1977 will be Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet with Natasha Pyne and Simon Chandler. Denise Coffey directs the prol duction.



Salisbury Cathedral from the Bishop's Grounds, by John Constable, which has been acquired by the National Gallery of Canada from Agnew's in London, and is now on exhibition in Ottawa. The picture has been in an American private collection for the last 70 years

John Neville's Canadian Citadel "In Canada the actor is saint. There's a big statue to I'm sure Robin would want the itinerant in the best sense of him and his name is almost as same thing.

but the best here." The artistic director of the newest theatre building in Canada, the glittering glass and brick Citadel way off West in Edmonton, is definits to the point of defiance. The face, a bit more care-shaped and work-worried now, well-known enough in Britain, is that of John Neville.

"They dangled this new theatre like a carrot when they asked me to come and be in charge five years ago ", says Neville over coffee in one of the many new hotels which have shouldered into Alberta's capital, a city booming with pristine steel and concrete.
"But I told them I wasn't interested in that. Which surprised them. I said I wanted to develop a company, to create exciting theatre to go into a building. I think that's happen-ing. For the new theatre I've tried to get a programme organized that's exciting and attrac-tive to the audience—and to

the actor as well." What plays is he presenting? "We started with Romeo and Juliet, Equis, and Oh Copord!
After that comes Brecht's
Schweik in the Second World
War, and we'll close the season in late spring of 77 with Same Time Next Year. That's in the main 700 seat theatre, but

which seats 200, and a further room which we'll use for discussions, lectures. The Studio has three original Canadian plays, all by women, oddly enough—I'm very pleased about that. The fourth Canadian play is for the main stage and it's called Bethune. It's intriguing, because it's about a doctor who

the word—and I'll have nothing well-known to the Chinese as have the best here "The artistic Mao's. It's true he's not greatly known in his native Canada, and I hope this play, which is a fine one, will help to right

> The plays which show great promise arrive on my desk and I read them all. Once performed they often go elsewhere for production. Previously there was little tradition in Western Canada for new works. I've altered that. Four out of 10 plays in this season are Canadian and I don't think anyone among the regional theatres can match that.' Is that so important?

Canadians have had to go abroad in the past to become what are laughingly called 'stars'. There's no question that this inferiority about things Canadian is a national disease, and this is a way of dealing with it. But I think we're coming to grips with it and eventually it will go. What we need to the contract of the is more of a sense of confidence

Did he encounter problems when he took the post, as Robin Phillips did at Ontario's

"Pve not found any resent-

same thing.

"Robin is fortunate in that
he heads a repertory theatre,

whereas our programme is a play-to-play one. Here I've con-centrated on developing young talents who work with me over and over again, and because of this a sense of company is emerging. That, apart from the new works we do, is the most exciting thing that's happened here for me." Is the new theatre designed with the possibility of repertory in mind? "I'm always thinking of that,

it's the most exciting way to work, for heaven's sake. I said when I joined Nottingham I wouldn't come unless we did repertoire. Here I couldn't, but I'm always juggling ideas. Right now the main thing is that Edmonton people have a fine theatre and we can increase the size of our sudiences dramasize of our status for the past tically—our theatre for the past 10 years has been a tiny one in an old Salvation Army building, hence the name Citadel Theatre. The new building had many problems and it did seem a bit protracted in its early building period, but that was because it had to be constructed over an existing parking lot. It was quite an engineering feat, but now we have the parkingvery necessary in our long,

harsh winters. Is there snything he particularly misses, living in such a northern city?
"Yes—I miss the ballet When I was in New York last

summer playing Sherlock Holmes on Broadway I saw as Sherlock much dance as I could and had a feast. But here we're lucky to get the Canadian National Ballet every other year, and then it's usually Sleeping Beauty yet again. It's my passion and I must say I miss it yery much." it very much."

Michael Leech

One of the show's skills is to

develop situations (interroga-tions and sexual transactions)

where questions function both as an attack and a protective

shield. And the runs of ques-

tions throw up their own form of cryptic epigram: "Would you like to appear in Who's Who? If so, as whom?"

Periodically Joel Cutrara and Louise Jones come to a stop and ask if any results are com-ing in. This is a genuine in-

quiry, as the show amounts to a blank page for the public to

fill in their own answers. For which purpose they are helped

out with a stunningly imagina

tive sequence of projected photographs which give the

obsessively verbal text a visual

the group's director, brought some verve to his playing, not-

ably in a solo on that most

uncouth of instruments, the

The finer music was some

times tarnished by oddities of instrumentation. Dufay's hymn,

Hostis Herodes, for instance,

was done with the polyphony allotted to female alto and

strings, and the plainsong sec-

tions to a tenor, making the

piece too intimate and too man-

nered. Yet the singing, here and elsewhere, rescued the evening.

Margaret Philpot was in decent

form, but Paul Elliott excelled in clarity, strength and grace. One might have been better

able to appreciate his singing

if the programme book had in-

cluded less beginner's music-

keyboard, Alberto Lysy played

extension into dream.

bagpipes.

Blank page for the public to fill in where no answer exists (" What, **Loaded Questions** nick of the Phantom Captain Company, England's answer to the pataphysicians. Better to briefly, is the secret of the universe?").

King's Head

Irving Wardle

A certain pall descends over the first moments of this show when it becomes clear that the whole evening will consist of questions posed, fired off, and popped by three actors in evenng dress seated at music

stands. But once that fact has sunk in one is left to discover how much there is to be explored within those strict limits. The programme describes the ven-

ture as an experimental re-search project into "the in-terior world of questions": a claim not to be taken too seriously, coming from the New London Consort

Wigmore Hall

Paul Griffiths Nothing succeeds like early

music these days, and there was a capacity audience on Tuesday for the New London Consort's "Feast of Fools". The label is attractive; the handbill spoke of a "festival of wild mirth". But the concert was just another medley from four centuries of Western European music. Spanish songs, English carols, French dances, a Mass section by Dufay and a moter by Philippe de Vitry were among the items presented in this hasty survey of music from

from Palestrina. It should be clear by now that such ragbag programmes are unsatisfactory. The diversity of pieces encourages one to attend more to the super-

ficialities of period style than to the qualities of particular composers and their works; the miscellany leaves little definite impression of anything. A programme of, say, songs by Machaut or fifteenth-century music for the Mass would have been so much more illuminating and enjoyable. Questions of repertory aside, the concert lacked the spirit

promised by its title. The dances and many of the other instrumental pieces needed keener 1100 to 1500, a span as long rhythms and a more consistent and arguably as varied as that virtuosity. Only Philip Pickett,

was of no real distinction, Camerata Lysy Queen Elizabeth Hall

The Camerata Lysy String Ensemble began Tuesday's inventive and finely crafted. It had a respectable performance from the Camerata Lysy with flexible phrasing, a good dynamic range, and excellent ensemble considering that the

> conductor. After the interval we had a

rar more decisive was Colin Carr. Although it is a Mendelssohn's Symphony No 8 piece that can easily sound for Strings, a backward looking, only superficially Mozartian score, that is still Grant because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured, even turgid, partly because of the string in the cellist was Colin Carr. Although it is a piece that can easily sound laboured. ments' difficulty in holding their own against the composer's typically full piano writing, it, too, received an enjoyable performance. In particular, the quick move-

ology and more texts.

ments were informed with that 18 players work without a pour Frank Martin, it proved to be a slow, hovering, lamenting, one-movement work that sounded vaguely oriental in its lack of harmonic tension yet complete change of pace, in quieter movements were nicely shaded. Finally, members of the musical intensity, with Brahms's Camerata Lysy returned for a sprightly performance of Mendelsohn's Octet.

special kind of pungent energy that is so characteristic of one side of Brahms while many

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Portraits of the men who will make up the new EEC Commission in Brussels

Decision day for the 12 members of the Jenkins team

Mr François-Xavier Ortoli President of the European Commission for the past four years, M Ortoli is setting a precedent by staying on as one of the five vice-presidents of the new Com-

During his presidency, he has earned a reputation as a highly competent but somewhat colourless technocrat with a formidable grasp of the whole range of the Community's affairs. But this desiccated image conceals a much warmer private per-

He was never at ease with the press and seldom made public appearances as president, and when he did so was in the habit of delivering lengthy discourses on high-minded European themes almost uncannily resis-

tant to quotation.
As a former Gaullist Minister of Economic Affairs and Fin-ance (1968-69), M Ortoli, who was born in 1925, has a strong claim to the Commission's equivalent portfolio. He be-lieves passionately that it is important for the EEC not to lose sight of the goal of economic and monetary upion.

Mr Claude Cheysson As the second French member of the new Commission, M Cheysson will be hoping to consolidate his reputation as one of the most effective operators of the outgoing body. He made his name as the architect of the Lome Convention. Signed in February, 1975, with 46 African, Caribbean and Pacific countries, the Convention is widely regarded as a genuine innovation in relations industrialized and

developing countries. Finding an equally challenging job for M Cheysson in the new Commission will not be easy, since looking after the Lome Convention itself is now little more than a managerial

No sufferer from false modesty, M Cheysson can be a prickly customer. He is a socialist, and has not been alraid to make enemies, falling out with the Quai d'Orsay in the fifties over his support for independence for Algeria. He was born in 1920 and is

a small, dapper figure, who enjoys parading his command carefully modulated English at Brussels press conferences. Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp

Like their French colleagues,

the two new German Commis-

largely due to the backing of the Confederation of German Trade Unions on whose federal executive he sat immediately before moving to Brussels in

Putting it at its kindest, his conduct of the Commission's important economic and monetary affairs department over the past four years can only be described as uninspiring. The impression has been of someone out of his depth.

Mr Jenkins's badly

handled, but unfortunately well handled, but unfortunately well buildized, attempts to persuade Herr Helmut Schmidt to nominate a replacement will hardly make for the smoothest

hardly make for the smoothest of working relationships.

Born in 1923, Herr Hafer-kamp was wounded in the last war, took a degree in economics at Cologne University immediately after it, and moved exclusively in trade union circles before his translation to Russele.

Mr Guido Brunner Dr Guido Brunner, the second German Commissioner, ls equally lacking in charisma, though he is generally reckoned to be able and to have made the best of a particularly thankless portfolio during his time in

Brussels. Blame for the balting pro-gress of the EEC's scientific research policy—epitomized by the stalemate among the Nine over the site of the joint European Torus thermonuclear fusion project—can hardly be

laid at his door.

As the choice of the Free Democrat wing of the West German Coalition, Dr Brunner is close to Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister. He is understood to covet the Commission's external affairs portfolio vacated by Sir Christopher Soames, which may now be subdivided.

Technically he would be well qualified for the job, having held a series of diplomatic posts before coming to Brussels in 1974 to replace Dr Reif Dahrendorf. But his lack of presence and political clout are a handi-

He was born in 1930 in Madrid, and studied law at the universities of Madrid, Munich and Heidelberg.

Mr Antonio Giolitti

Among the more interesting newcomers to the Commission is Signor Antonio Giolitti, one of the two new Italian mem-bers. He joined the Communist sioners are simply our communication as a vicesioners reappointed for another Party after the war, having been active in the Italian resistance, becoming Under-Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

At three o'clock this afternoon Mr Roy Jenkins and the 12 other new European Commissioners will retire into Papal conclave on the 13th floor of the Berlaymont building in Brussels. Somepossibly many—hours later

the new President is expected to emerge with a list of the iobs which have been allocated. Although primus inter pares, Mr Jenkins ultimately .

has no greater say than any

of his colleagues in this

delicate exercise since the allocation of each portfolio is finally decided by a majority vote of the 13-man body. His role will be one of persuasion and attempting to guide the bargaining in the direction he desires:

Once the job share-out is over, there is still a final formality to be completed. Next Tuesday Mr Jenkins and the rest of his team will take an oath before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, promising

" Neither to seek nor to take instruction from any government or body ".

The oath symbolizes the supposed transmogrification of national politicians temporarily seconded to Brussels into "Europeans" impartial and implacable guardians of the Rome Treaty, immune to special pleading from home capitals. Clothed in this new aura, the Commissioners then present



The Commissioners, from the left: Ortoli, Haferkamp, Davignon, Jenkins, Natali, Tugendhat, Vredeling, Vouel, Gundelach, Giolitti, Brunner, Cheysson, Burke.

in the first Republican Government. He resigned from the Communist Party in 1957 after the Soviet invasion of Hungary.

Since then, Signor Giolitti has been prominent in the Socialist Party and was Minister for the Budger and Economic Planning in the 1964, 1970-72 and 1973-74 centre-left governments.

In 1974 he represented Italy at the fourth special session of the United Nations General Assembly and in the same year was President of the Council of Ministers of the Council of Ministers of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

He is the author of books on European communism and socialism and gave a series of

lectures on political themes in Britain in 1973 and 1975. He was born in 1915 and graduated

A member of the Christian Democrat Party, Signor Lorenzo Natali has previous experience of the EEC as Italian Minister for Agriculture. As one of the vice-presidents of the new Com-mission, he will now be looking at the Community from a rather different perspective.

His other ministerial jobs have included spells as Minister for the Merchant Navy, for Tourism and Entertainment, and for Public Works. Born in Florence in 1922.

Signor Natali was a volunteer in the Italian Liberation Corps in 1944, was wounded in action and decorated for bravery. A lawyer by training, he has been returned to the Italian Parliament by the Abruzzi constituency for seven consecutive terms of office.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat A little-known quantity in Brussels, Mr Christopher Tugendhat was a surprise choice for the second British Commissioner after Mr Jenkins and Mr Callaghan had turned down Mr John Davies, Mrs Thatcher's first candidate for

opposition spokesman on foreign affairs. After education at Ampleforth and Cambridge, where he was President of the Union, he spent 10 years on the Financial Times as a leader and feature writer specializing in energy questions.

He has written two well received books—Oil: The Biggest Business and The Multinationals—both of which are relevant to the EEC, though it seems unlikely for political reasons that Mr Tugendhat will the post.

reasons that Mr Tugendhat will A controversial Defence
Now 39, the former Conser- get the Commission's energy Minister from 1973 until his

varive MP for the City of London and Westminster, South,

is the youngest member of the new Commission. At the time of

his nomination he was junior

portfolio. He has also published a pamphlet on the EEC and the Third World.

Viscount Etienne Davignon Only four years older than Mr Tugendhat, Belgium's new man Tugendhat, Belgium's new man on the Commission, Viscount Etiennc Davignon, is already a well-known figure on the European stage and beyond.

As Director-General of Political Affairs at the Belgian Foreign Ministry he made certain of at least one footnote in the history books by lending his name to the so-called Davignon Committee, which since 1969 has brought together senior foreign officials of the Nine to discuss political cooperation outside the strict framework of the Rome Treaty.

the Rome Treaty. In 1974 he was made chairman of the International Energy Agency, the American-spon-sored body set up after the quadrupling of oil prices in 1973 in an attempt to coordinate the energy policies of the ndustrialized countries.

industrialized countries.

Urbane and debonair, with flawless English, Viscount Davignon is the son of a distinguished diplomat. He was born in Budapest, and graduated in law from Louvain University.

Mr Finn Olav Gundelach Danish representation on the Commission remains unchanged with the re-appointment of Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, 51, who becomes one of the five vicepresidents of the new body.

A career diplomat before coming to Brussels, he has spent most of the past four years nurturing the Com-munity's customs union, an onerous and unglamorous task for which he got few thanks and little publicity.

But as a result of the illness of Sir Christopher Soames last year, he suddenly found himself thrust into the limelight, entrusted with the conduct of important trade negotiations with Japan and delicate discussions with the Icelanders over British fishing rights. His blunt warning to the Japanese that they must take steps to redress their trade imbalance with the EEC or face the consequences caused some-

thing of a furore.

Mr Gundelach is regarded as heing almost certain to get the agricultural portfolio formerly held by Mr Pierre Lardinois.

Mr Henk Vredeling One of the liveliest wires in Mr Jenkins's team promises to be Mr Henk Vredeling, the new Dutch member of the Commission. controversial Defence

appointment to the Commission, he was often at odds with his equally outspoken compatriot, Dr Josef Luns, the Secretary. General of Nato.

Criticism from Nato head-quarters of Dutch defence cuts once provoked Mr Vredeling to say that he would "like to kick Dr Luns's head between the

goal posts".

A member of the Dutch Labour Party, Mr Vredeling, 52, is an expert on agricultural questions and has an outside chance to get the farm portfolio, one of the Commission's key jobs.

Mr Richard Burke

Ireland's new man on the Com-mission, Mr Richard Burke, seems fated to spend his early months in Brussels living down the unlikable reputation which has preceded him from Dublin. An unfortunate manner with the press. who find him stiff and unhelpful, and ultra con-servative social and political opinious, which place him on the clerical, right-wing of the Fine Gael, appear to account for this uphappy advance

billing.
Mr Burke, 44, is understood to owe his Brussels job to his close association with Mr Liam Cosgrave, the Irish Prime Minister. Fine Gael chief whip from 1969 to 1972, he was Minister of Education at the time of his appointment to the

Commission...

He was educated by the Christian Prothers, and subsequently trained as a lawyer. Mr Burke is remembered for having voted in 1974 against a Bill that would have legalized the sale of contraceptives to married couples.

Mr Raymond Vouel

Virtually unknown outside the Lillioutian world of Luxem-bourg politics, Mr Reymond Vouel joined the Commission last year to replace the late Mr. Albert Borschette. His few months in Brussels have done little to illuminate the obscurity whence he came.

He remains on the Jenkins Commission as the Luxembourg member. He has yet to give a press conference in Brussels, and has declined all requests. for interviews. There are many people who do not even know

what he looks like.
Curiously, he began his career as a inurnalist specializing in political affairs, then served as the director of a hospital and a town councillor in Esch before joining the uxembourg Government

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The simple truth about Mrs Gandhi and her path to dictatorship

made by Mrs Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, with the Bill (passed by a ramed Parliament, from which many Opposition leaders have been removed to indefinite detention without trial) to re-write the Judian Constitution. The Constitution (44th Amendment) Bilt, which I call "the Legislation" for convenience, con-toins, as I recounted provi-sions which would make the basic democratic rights of Indian citizens a nulliry, give Mrs Gandhi powers to ban any kind of political activity criti-cal of her regime, enable her enact repressive measures without even the formal sanc-tion of Parliament, destroy the safeguard against dictatorship provided by the political inde-pendence of the President, and make permanent the authori-tarian laws and decrees lostituted under the State of Emergency (including the censorship of the press and the imprisonment of political

Today, I want to give fur-ther details of the way in which the Legislation makes Mrs Gandhi's path to dictator-ship easier, and in particular to describe the ways in which most important barrier in that path, the independence and reserve powers of the judici-

ary.
To start with, the Legislation provides that the High Courts The only solution to the conof the individual states will no gestion would be the appoint- rassing items may be removed

means Federal law as opposed to the laws of the states. But this provision covers not only Acts of Parliament but all Acts of Parliament but all administrative rules, decrees and orders made by the Executive under any Statute.)

Next, the citizen's right to challenge decisions of State tribunels in the High Court has been removed; an individual can now only proceed direct to the Supreme Court. His right to do so is rigidly circums-cribed in the Legislation, which limits the range of such peritions the Supreme Court can hear; but much worse than that is the fact that the proposed change means ther such litigation (normally con-cerned with the citizen's desire to establish whether his rights have been infringed) is thus put beyond the financial resources of all but the wealthy, since the Supreme Court sits only in Delhi and its procedures are naturally more complex and demanding than those of the lower courts throughout the country. To the deterrent effect, clearly inten-tional, of this provision is added an even worse threat: the Supreme Court, and the High Courts, are already years behind in their work. The Supreme Court can only become more so if cases are referred direct to its jurisdiction instead of being decided as now, in the lower courts.

Yesterday, I gave an account longer have power to examine ment of more Supreme Court of the further substantial the constitutionality of any judges; it does not require what stripe the judges thus appointed will be.

Not even that is the worst The Legislation, as I shall make clear, seriously limits the powers of the courts to scruwhether it accords with the Constitution: but even within the restricted area in which this will still be possible, it is to be made much more difficults. cult, for Mrs Gandhi has decreed that from now on no High Court or Supreme Court ruling against the constitutionality of any law or other measure will be valid unless two-thirds of the judges on the beach deciding the case are of bench deciding the case are of

that opinion. In any case, Mrs Gandhi's Legislation will reduce judicial review of law, hitherto as integral a part of the Indian Constitution as of the American, to a point at which it becomes virtually meaningless anyway. For from now on, no amendment to the Constitution may be challenged by anybody, in any court, on any ground. Since, as I explained yesterday, the Legislation gives Mrs Gandhi effectively untrammelled power to alter the Constitution in future by decree, this means that if any provision of it should prove awkward in thwarting her aims or actions, or if judges, though restricted, still manage to defend important sections of it, the embar-

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any redress in law at all.

The reason for this particular provision of the Legislation is particularly interesting.

One of the obstacles to Mrs

Gandhi's personal rule has been the Supreme Court's

been the Supreme Court's judgment in the crucial case of Keshavanand Bharati. In this,

the Court recognized that the

elected Parliament's powers

are, and should be, very wide indeed, but not entirely limit-less: and the limit they estab-

lished was a crucial one. They

erty, resulted not only in the establishment of the principle I have just mentioned, but in the ruling that the right to

property, guaranteed in the Constitution, is not

absolute-is not, that is, part



without difficulty and without of those fundamental tenets of the Constitution that cannot be taken away by amendment.
This ruling in itself affectively gives the lie to Mrs Gandhi's claim that tearing up the Constitution is necessary because assential economic measures are being blocked measures are being blocked under it; the Bharati case made it clear that any economic reform can already be enacted under the present Constitution. (The Supreme Court has been accused, by Mrs Gandhi and her supporters, of blocking urgently needed legislation in the field of economic reform in the way that the Supreme Court of the laid down that amendments which would damage or destroy "the jundamental nature of the Constitution can be held invalid. That case, which was a matter of proposition of the constitution of the constitution can be held invalid. that the Supreme Court of the United States, in the early days of Roosevelt's New Deal, prevented any encroachment on the property rights of the wealthy. In fact, examination of the Indian Supreme Court's record in this field shows that they have not; legislation on

held by the Supreme Court.) The truth is that the Bharati case stands in the way not of economic reforms, but of Mrs Gandhi's attempt, in a previous measure purporting to amend the Constitution (but blocked by the Supreme Court), to put her election beyond challenge even if it had been achieved by corrupt practices, and also of her move (likewise stopped for the moment by judicial action) to give herself and her chief political cronies complete immunity from prosecution for criminal offences committed during their tenure of office There are other provisions

in the Legislation which are clearly designed to enhance the power of the Executive still further. Many matters, for instance, are to be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the High Courts and ruled upon increased her Tribunals (Much instead by Tribunals (much more easily controlled by Mrs Gandhi's regime); nor are these, by any means, only triviel matters which take up the courts' time unnecessarily and could well be dealt with by administrative bodies, for they include questions of taxation, food procurement and distribution, industrial disputes, foreign exchange and elections.
And one of the most sinister items in the Legislation gives the Central Government the unlimited right to send troops into any of the States without the consent of the State

such matters as land reform, Government, to counter a fied from office under the law, the Privy Purses, and bank threat to law and order. Under the purposes of what she now action may be taken, but only if the offending or troubled State is violating the constitution or unable to govern itself; it is now proposed that even when no breach of the Constitution is being commit-ted, and no situation threacening the stability of the State exists, the Central Government may send troops and take over the State on its own definition. not subject to any independent review, of a threat to law and order. Beside this massive deploy-

ment of the measure deployment of the weapons of oppression, there is one further provision in the Legislation which may seem to represent only small-srms fire, and so indeed it does; but it is not the less significant in what it symbolizes. Under the present law, members of either the Central or a State legislature who have been found guilty of corrupt electoral practices are subject to disqualification from membership for specified periods. But under the Legislation, the Government (nominally the President, but the Legislation also strips him entirely of independent powers and obliges him to act only as directed by the executive) has the absolute power to decide what period of disqualification. if any, corrupt MPs are to suffer. As Mrs Gandhi's moves against democracy took place

derstand. The 59 Clauses of the Constituton (44th Amendment) Bill

contain a great deal more than, in this column and yesterday's, I have been able to review. But all the provisions are directed to the same end; that is, the transformation of India from a gravely imperfect democracy into a dictatorship run by Mrs Indira Gendhi. If the Bill is passed (it has gone through the Central Parliament, and new awaits radication by the Street radication. tion by the States, which it seems certain to get) the In-dian Constitution will be a dian Constitution will be a doad letter, the safeguards against tyranny destroyed, the nower given to Mrs Gandhi limitless. Her apologists argue that although the Legislation gives her the opportunity to become a complete dictator, she will not take it. The answer is twofold: first, she has already taken, even under the present Constitution, a the present Constitution, a wide range of dictatorial powers, and committed a wide range of oppressive acts (many of them, such as the destruction of the freedom of the press, largely illegal). Secondly, most of the tyramous provisions of what she is now demanding are entirely unnecessary except to one who wants total power and the ability to use it without check. The truth is that Mrs Gandhi when, and because, she was wants to be a dictator, and is herself convicted of such prac-tices and liable to be disqualigoing to be.

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The Times Diary

Forging the party line on women

The Communist Partyl of Great the Britzin is nothing if not democratic. Having decided upon a major review of its manifeste. free The British Road To Socialism, The British Road To Socialism, which has remained substantially unaltered since the late Stalinist days of the early fifties, it is asking the various factions within the party to contribute to an updated version. Woman Communists have been gerting their our in this week by holding three long evenings of discussion on the role of feminism within socialism. Alan Hamilton

within socialism. Alan Hamilton reports:
I paid 20p to party funds to gain admittance to a crowded lecture theatre in the Ceptral London Polytechnic to listen to an eurnest debate on "Capitalism And The Power Of Men". The audience was pre-dominantly female, many with long hair, gold-rimmed glasses and duffel coars. Smoking was nor allowed, but it was stil) stuffy and overcrowded, with some 200 people in a small

the delay was generally accepted with good humour. Sarah Benton, a slim and wiry Sarah Benton, a slim and wiry freelance journalist, opened the debate with a half-hour discourse on the division of labour. Feminism, she conceded, was a new concept in British Marxist thinking. "Leaders of socialist thought have too often been obsessed with sexual thought instead of concentrating on the real problems."

Miss Benton reckoned that the rise of feminism was in part a result of effective contracep.

a result of effective contracep-tion, and in part the result of the demotion of motherhood and housework to the status of unskilled labour. Our grand-mothers needed real skill to have babies and run a houre have babies and run a house; now it is all done for them by obstetricians and food manu-

obstetricians and rood manufacturers.

The real villains of the sex war, she concluded, were the skilled working class, who guarded their privileges against the mass of unskilled workers, many of whom were women. The meeting began an hour munist Party secretary and after the advertised time but social worker, had a go at the

family unit, which the said capitalism had invented as " the biologically basic mode". A family woman with two teenage children, she made a telling point when she said that house-wives were driven to tranquil-lisers and despair when they felt they failed to come up to the glossy stereotype portrayed in advertisements and other capitalist propaganda. Speakers from the floor then

weighed into the two speakers for describing rather than analysing the problems, and the air became thick with debate on the relative merits of various "isms", including feminism, naturalism and socialism, though not too-manyhot - people - in-one-small-room-ism. The debate was to continue for two more days. I hope the draftsmen of King Street are the wiser at the end of it.

Insulting

The last time Winston Ntshona and John Kani gave a performance of the highly acclaimed play, Sizwe Bansi Is Dead, they were arrested and spent 15 days in solitary confinement in a South African prison. They were not charged, but were warned that they might soon warned that they might soon find themselves in court fac-ing allegations of inciting racial harred and using vulgar

and insulting language.

should be less troublesome. The play, already seen on the London stage and on British television, returns to the Royal Court theatre today for a six-week run. Ntshona and Kani gave a press conference yester-day and reported that they received their passports to leave for Britain only 12 hours before their scheduled departure.

They will return home as soon as their run at the Royal Court is finished, but have no plans to test the authorities with another performance of the controversial work. They have plans for a new produc-tion, which they are wisely keeping quiet about for the time being.

Satanic

There was an appropriate whist of historical romance, and some suitably satanic Black Velvet, at the celebration of Dennis Wheatley's eightieth birthday on Tuesday night. The author, stunningly clad in a powder blue dinner jacket with a white orchid pinned on its midnight lapel, had hired Vintners' Hall for his 300 guests.

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It was, he told them, the only building of its type to have survived both the Great Fire of London and the bombs of the Second World War. On this very ground, he added, the first master of the Vintners had Their next performance entertained five kings to dinner

in one night. Wheatley was not quite so lavish, though there were titled folk about and a press release distributed by his publishers recalled that he had once been wine merchant to "three Kings, 21 Princes and many millionaires". It was because that business fell victim to the fell victim to the depression that Wheatley wrote his first novel. It reprinted seven times

in seven weeks, and since then his yarns have sold over 40 million copies in 29 languages. Guests were treated to a full resume of Wheatley's diverse achievements in a film shown achievements in a film shown three times during the evening. In its course Wheatley revealed that beside writing more than 50 books, inventing war games and planning victory in the Second World War, he had laid 60.000 bricks, papered his bedfroom ceiling with countless cut room ceiling with countless cut-out stars and his bathroom with cut-out fish. collected 40.000 stamps, a cellar of 3,000 bottles of finest wines and a huge library of books.

Nice to see that venerable British traditions are being maintained in Oxfordshire. Reporting the cold snap, the Oxford Times has two local depots saying that "some of their gritters were temporarily out of action because of the Was it through an oversight that journalists were not included in the National Council on Alcoholism's list of professions most prone to fatally heavy drinking? Or are we a more abstemious lot than we like to make out?

Cheap

Robin Young ventured into sale-land for the last of his London wine bar tests: The Loose Box is handy for the Loose Box is handy for the January rush to the Bromp-ton Road emporia, though a trio of notices fixed to the painted brick walls by the back entrance, giving on to Cheval Place, indicate that it does not always enjoy cordial positions always enjoy cordial relations with its Knightsbridge neighbours. Customers are implored to park considerately, not to take glasses and bottles outside. and to leave promptly at 11 pm. There was no problem about There was no problem about dry madeira. They do not serve madeira of any sort. Nor did they have a manzanilla sherry; but Gonzalez Byass's Elegante, served from the refrigerator.

was 36p.

The bar is something of a bargain basement itself, the wine list having been chosen with an eye to economy rather than high reputation. The Sidi Larbi Moroccan red I chose was



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Levin on

thin, though, and served in-appropriately chilled. Some 18 other wines offered by the glass range from 28p to "sparkling"

at 42p.

The battered and stained wine list included an unwelcome note that the vintages the cheapest drinkable table stated could not be guaranteed wine encountered during the (some were quoted as 1972-74 in stated could not be guaranteed

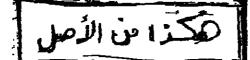
any case). It had nothing of distinction among the clarets, nor of age greater than 1972.

Also lacking were soup and the usual wine bar standby, game pie. A restaurant section upstairs offered pork chops and mushrooms in wine sauce at f1.10, but I stayed below and chose pate and salad (70p plus 30p for each portion of various salads, however small) in preference to a flabby and pale

quiche lorraine.

Cheese was 50p, but the brie was a little underripe, the port salut looked squashed and there were no English cheeses left. There was no vintage port except a late bottled Taylor's 1971. All right for a harried snack, but not the place for a celebration if you do well at the sales. My bill was 52.77. Next: Conclusions

I like a corporation that knows its own mind. Lady Morland writes to tell me that her husband, Sir Oscar, who used to be British ambassador in Tokyo, wrote to the BBC complaining politely about their faulty pro-nunciation of Japanese names. He pointed out that it should be exactly like Italian, no stress on any syllable but a final &. The BBC replied that they had discussed this matter, but had decided that their own pro-nunciation was best. Hai!



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Justin defence on ad Mr. Vredeliczn would "like to ke head between o Trial by jury, to the British, is that does not tell us to what to do so should not be lightly for deciding whether a person accused of crime is guilty or not It is deeply embedded in the national consciousness as a bulof the Commission wark against tyranity, a safe-guard for the individual against oppression by the state, and one of the distinguishing features of with Richard on the past and for the most die spend his part, continues to do so. It must be restricted a free society. It has worked well therefore not be restricted severely unless that is absolutely necessary for the fair and efficient functioning of the system of criminal justice.
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before the House of Lords, includes provisions which would remove the right of electing trial by jury from defendants in speci-fied categories of cases. The most controversial provision would make theft and similar offences involving amounts of less than Fine Gae Chief trates courts. £20 triable only in the magis-

9 to 1971 he No one disputes that conviction is appointment for such "trivial" thefts may is appointment to such the prince for the on. educated by convicted person (and his or her Prothers, and family): loss of standing and ained as 2 lawre reputation in his own community, ted in the social circle a misfortune which would remain social the feet to any one class of contraceptive or condition of person; or being dismissed from employment and having great difficulty in finding a decent alternative job. The James committee, on whose recommendation that part of the Bill is based, took the view that the interests of society in having the pressures on the overburdened Crown Court eased, so iuminate the ship reducing delays in awaiting trial, outweighed any possible adverse effects to individual defendants.

It has been questioned by whether delays in the Crown Court are in fact so inordinate as to warrant such far-reaching measures. It has also been pointed out that the problem is mainly confined to London and the South-east and that, it is in precisely these areas that there are also substantial delays in cases coming to trial in the magistrates' courts. If that were right, the proposed change would be unnecessary in the provinces Michael home and would not have the desired effect in London. ...

It is difficult to assess exactly what effect the implementation of that part of the Bill would have in practice. The tentative estimate is that over 3,000 cases of "trivial" theft would be removed annually from the

more than a procedural device extent delays would be reduced. removed. So far as "trivial" The trend, however, is for delays thefts are concerned, the case in the Crown Court to be increasing again after a period of relative stability. The standstill in the building and expansion programme for the courts, caused by the public expenditure cuts, is likely to confirm that trend for at least a few years.

The question therefore poses

itself as a straightforward choice between securing less delay in awaiting trial for the generality of defendants at the possible expense of those who would be denied trial by jury, or retaining the existing procedure in the knowledge that it would make the administration of criminal justice slower, and possibly deny. by delaying, justice for some. Implicit in the argument is the belief that justice for the innocent defendant is more certain before a jury, or, to put it another way, that a wrongful conviction is more likely in a magistrates' court.

Magistrates, it is said, are prosecution minded; that they are too ready to accept uncritically evidence given by the police; and that they still suffer from the blinkers of their largely white middle-class membership. Juries are said to be more willing to disbelieve police witnesses and more likely to understand the evidence of, and be sympathetic to, young, working-class, or black defendants. The availability of any or any adequate legal representation is much more uncertain in magistrates' courts, whereas in the Crown Court a defendant pleading not guilty is virtually certain to get proper representation under legal aid.

A further reason for choosing trial by jury is that in the higher court the defence knows exactly what the prosecution case is. A source of constant complaint about magistrates' courts has been that the defence often has little idea of what evidence prosecution witnesses are likely to give. One recommendation of the James committee, inexplicably not adopted by the Government, would have made it easier for the defence in magistrates' courts to obtain copies of the prosecution witnesses' statements

at an early stage. It is likely that in all but a very small proportion of cases the result would be the same whatever the forum of the trial. The fact is, however, that many people believe in, and wish to nigher to lower courts, although choose, jury trial, and their right expected to achieve

for removing the choice has not been made out. Although there are some examples in English law of offences involving dishonesty being triable only by magistrates (for instance, intentionally avoiding paying railway fares), in general such offences, which import consequences other than those directly imposed by the law, are thought to warrant the right to elect trial by jury. That is a sound principle and ought to continue to be followed.

Different considerations apply to drinking and driving offences, the other large category of cases (over 3,000) which the Bill would remove from the higher courts. There is little social stigma attached to being convicted of drunken driving (the more's the pity, many would say), the penalties do not involve loss of liberty and, with the exception of a disqualification for someone whose livelihood depends on driving, the other consequences of conviction are likely to be minor. In these cases the limitation of trial by jury is justified.

The Bill has also come under criticism for removing that right two other, numerically smaller, categories of cases, assaulting the police and importuning by male homo-sexuals. A high degree of moral obloquy accompanies conviction for the latter offence, and unpleasant extra-legal consequences are likely to follow. Defendants should therefore be entitled to the trial of their choice. In the case of assault against the police, a significant number of prosecutions are brought in which the defendants are black, and in view of the current state of tension between their community and the police, and of the feeling which exists in some circles that whatever the colour of the defendant magistrates are strongly predisposed to believe the police version, the right to trial by jury should stand.

By retaining the provisions in the Bill making drink-and-drive offences, criminal damage involving under £100, and some other minor categories triable only by magistrates, while abandoning those provisions doing the same for petty thefts, male importuning and assaulting the police, the Crown Court would still be relieved of nearly half the estimated reduction of 8,000 cases which the reform was

ISRAEL'S NEWS HOUNDS

t Chapter - --- Israel has long been justly proud Israeli state. But it remains "tortured, libelled and tormenperfectly free, of course. There is military censorship which sometimes spills over into the political field. There is sometimes self-censorship by editors and journalists on issues which might damage Israel's international reputation, but even this is usually broken by the weekly Ha'Olam Ha'Ze, which is often called the Israeli Private Eve but whose readership and influence are proportionally much greater. There is discrimination to the extent that it is not possible for Israeli Arabs to publish an explicitly Arab nationalist paper (though the Communist press provides them with the next best thing) or for the Arab nationalist papers which are tolerated in occupied East Jerusalem to advocate explicitly the abolition of the

of its free press. It is not true, and is to Israel's credit, that most of the source material of her external critics is published legally inside the country. Ambassador Herzog made a fair point in the United Nations Security Council last November when he asked his Arab colleagues, "What would you all do for speeches if you didn't have the free unfettered Israeli press .as a source?"

It is very sad, therefore, that the week that has seen the demise of the last free press in the Arab world (with the imposition of official censorship in Lebanon) has also seen the role of the Israeli press called in question after the tragic death of a member of the Israeli government. According to the suicide note he left on Monday, Mr Avraham Ofer decided to take his own life because for

ted" by unfounded allegations in the press that he was involved in large-scale fraud. "You journal-ists killed him," was the understandable retort of his family to reporters demanding comment on his death. Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said at the funeral yesterday that his death should serve as a warning "to all who pass judgment on others without proof ".

Journalists often do need reminding that those whom they write about, like Richard II, "feel want, taste grief, need friends". Libel laws, which are weaker in Israel than here, are an inadequate defence; and Truman's well-worn dictum about the heat in the kitchen is too callous to be repeated over a man's grave. The right answer can hardly be a less free press; but it should be, at least in part, weeks and months he had been a more responsible one.

THE COUNTER-FABIANS

The Institute of Economic Affairs has been surrounded by controversy since its formation twenty years ago. That is as it should have been, since its strategic purpose, or at least that of its chief entrepreneurs, has been to challenge by public argument the whole collectivist ethos that became conventional among intellectuals in the postwar era.

The Institute celebrates its first two decades of activity, even if twenty five years would be a more usual jubiles, by publishing - a retrospective synopsis of its discussions and publications (Not from Benevolence . . by Ralph Harris and Arthur Seldon). It has succeeded in attracting many suggested that the potentialities distinguished contributors to its of government as an instrument list of authors and in encouraging examination of possible departures in economic and social policy which fewer people would now condemn as un-ealistic and misanthropic than when they first appeared.

The natural comparison, when issessing the IEA, is not with ourely scholarly academic instiutions such as the National institute of Economic and Social Research, but with the Fabian Society, which also sought by inelligent pamphleteering to win learts and minds to a different onception of the role of governnent in society. Although the EA must still be judged a long vay from achieving the historic influence of the Fabians, whose nark is clearly visible in the eflexes of almost every govern-

satisfaction of being on the offensive and of expanding its influence while the Fabians are but a shadow of their former selves.

Perhaps the most enduring achievement of the IEA so far will turn out to have been to make government itself a potential object of study, with its quota of failures, contradictions and weaknesses, rather than always being the great "I am" with which the economist and social critic has for too long in Britain tended to identify himself as the agent rather than the object of reform.

The experience of collectivism in a free society has certainly of social justice are severely limited. The greater the demands that are made on government, the further does it fail to satisfy expectations. Nor is this mainly because of any avoidable failure of policies or management. It arises directly from the irreconcilable nature of the Utopian demands made by rival interest groups on limited national

resources. As the process of allocating scarce resources becomes more and more politicized, disappointments which were previously directed without much effect at "the facts of life", the "injustice of capitalism" or the "luck of the draw" become highly focused grievances against government—any government—itself. This process can only lead near in the world, it has the to an anarchic collapse of gov-

ernment in the face of the rival interest groups or to an authoritarian suspension of the right to express grievances, unless a greater area of national economic and social life is carefully and deliberately returned to nonpolitical arbitrament by the market.

In exploring how this third alternative can sensibly be undertaken the IEA has illuminated an avenue which increasingly appears more attractive from the point of view of the ordinary individual citizen than either of the other two. But, if the IEA is to win the war of ideas, it will need to convey more clearly than it has so far that to extol the benign potential of markets is not the same as to defend capitalism and that to point to the deficiencies of stare power is not the same as to condemn the humane impulses of socialism.

Adam Smith himself wrote The Wealth of Nations as an attack on the malignancy of the natural alliance between state power and commercial vested interests; and some among the IEA's own authors have even argued the corollary, namely that there is a natural alliance—on behalf of individual sovereignty over vested interests in the ballot box, the market place and the work-place-between the advocates of free markers and the advocates of common (but not state) ownership. In this way the IEA can rid itself of the stigma of itself being an apologist for vested interests.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The hereditary peerage

From Mr Humphry Berkeley Sir, Surely the answer to Mr Charles Fletcher Cooke (January 4) is that "the balance of the constitution" was altered by the Life Peerages Act which was introduced into Parliawhich was introduced into Parliament and became law in 1958 by Mr Harold Macmillan's Conservative Government, when Mr Fletcher-Cooke was, himself, a Conservative member of Parliament.

A reading of the Parliamentary Debates makes it quite clear that it was the intention of Parliament to alter the composition of the House

aker the composition of the House of Lords in two ways. There were to he Life Peers (apart from Law Lords, who were already Life Peers) who could be men or women. Thus in 1958, for the first time, women sat in the House of Lords. Later, when the renunciation of

Peerages came to be considered, the

opportunity was taken to correct the anomalous situation which allowed Life Peeresses to sit in the House, a right denied to Hereditary Peeresses. Accordingly, and again by Statue, provision was made for the latter to sit in the House of Lords. No Prime Minister can be com-pelled to recommend to her Majesty the award of a particular type of honour, nor should be feel under any obligation to do so. Mr Attlee incurred no criticism, on constitu-tional grounds or on grounds of breaching the hereditary principle, by refraining from recommending the creation of new Baronetcies (with the exception of the Lord Mayor of London) from 1945 until

1951, when he was Prime Minister. Mr Fletcher-Cooke attempts to draw a distinction between appoin-ted Peers and independent? Peers, the latter being hereditary. But if the present, or a future, Prime Minister were to recommend the creation of new hereditary Peers, these, too, would be "appointed". "Independent" Peers, that is to say Peers who are not of first creation. remain because Mr Wilson's first Labour Government was unable to change the composition of the House of Lords by Statute, although it tried

to do so.
Surely the real danger to the composition of the House of Lords and to the balance of the constitution resides in the unlimited right of Prime Ministers to recommend the creation of as many Peers as they wish, even hundreds at a time, if they so wish. On two occasions, once in 1832 and once in 1910, this threat was made. On each occasion the monarch indicated that he would feel bound to accept the recommen-dations of his Prime Minister.

Yours faithfully, HUMPHRY BERKELEY, Three Pages Yard, Chiswick, W4.

From John Lee, MP for Birming-ham, Handsworth (Labour) Sir. Charles Fletcher Cooke's interesting letter (January 4) upon the change occasioned by the absence raises even wider constitutional issues than perhaps he realizes.

Sooner or later the question has to be faced as to whether or not the ancient practice whereby hereditary pearages—invariably of senior rank—are conferred upon members of the Royal Family is still to continue. If it is, then, assuming no further hereditary creations in the Honours Lists, the extra-ordinary situation will arise of there being a gradual increase in the number of Dukes and Earls (as each generation of the Royal Family grows up), whilst the rest diminish with extinctions. If, on the other hand, the practice of the past is not to continue, then a profound change will have taken place in the character of the Monarchy; and that without any debate or legis-

lation in Parliament.
This being Jubilee Year, I sought the other day to put down a Perliamentary Question on the subject of Royal Peerages, only to be told by the officials of the House, no doubt quite correctly, that such questions

were out of order.

I regard the hereditary right to legislate as being indefensible, but, in common with Charles Fletcher-Cooke, I am resolutely opposed to constitutional change occurring by Yours, stc.

IOHN LEE. House of Commons. January 4.

Class hatred From Mr Arthur Freeman

Sir, Dom Benet Innes argues (December 31) that incitement to class hatred, like incitement to racial hatred, should be illegal. It is. The common law of sedition makes illegal not only propaganda against the Sovereign and the Royal Family, against the Government and both Houses of Parliament, and against the administration of justice, not only incitement to alter the constitution of Church or state by unlawful means, not only incitement to discontent or disaffection in the population—but also incite-ment to ill-will and hostility between different classes", to quote the standard textbook, Stephen's Digest of the Criminal Law. It is true that the sedition law hasn't been used for a long time,

but it is also true that it can be used against republicans, humanists. socialists, anarchists or indeed almost any dissidents whenever the authorities wish to do so. The trouble is that the cure would be worse than the disease, as usual when freedom of speech is suppressed. Yours etc.

ARTHUR FREEMAN, 88a Whitechapel High Street, E1.

The year of the beaver

From Mr Kenneth Jordan Sir, Jack Jones may have overlooked the fact that the beaver has an annoying habit of promoting log iams.

I remain, Yours faithfully, KENNETH JORDAN, Asquith House, Gurney Slade,

You will be poorer this year

From Professor C. I. Constable Sir, The importance of your leading article this morning (December 23) cannot be over emphasized. In the course of my work I talk to man-agers from many different com-

panies. Almost without exception

they feel they have been unfairly

treated during the past two years. Examples abound of the nonsense created by the squeeze on so called "top salaries" and punitive tax rates. One man, working for a company which exports over 70 per cent of its output, had recently appointed a national of another European country to work as his subordinate in that country at over twice his own salary. Another was seriously considering taking a job carrying

less responsibility in his own

company but based on the continent

and paying three times the salary.

A research director now has a virtually flat salary structure amongst his senior staff with all earning £8,500 per year. The per-sonnel director of a US based multinational operating throughout Europe has his whole senior management salary structure thrown out of gear by legislative restrictions in the UK. To him British salaries are ridiculous.

It is not of course just managerial salaries which are now so depressed compared with continental rates. I spent the 1975-76 academic year as a visiting professor in Switzerland.

The German economy

Sir, Mr Derek Prag (December 30) asserts that all my criteria "measure welfare and well being and not the degree of socialism in West German economy". Welfare and well-being secured through social transfer expenditures are of the essence of "socialist policies" as ordinarily understood; and so is workers' participation (the Webbs' workers' participation (the Webbs'
"industrial democracy") as a means
of counteracting the alienation of
the workers under a system of glant
enterprises. In both these respects
Germany is far ahead of Britain in
the kind of Socialism which the
British Labour movement has
historically stood for—to a far
greater extent then the Continental greater extent than the Continental Socialist parties.

ductive sectors of Germany as in Britain—which means that, on the economics propegated by Sir Keith Joseph, Mrs Thatcher and their śriends, it is Germany, not Britain, which should

disposes of the myth that the burden of personal income tax is much greater in Britain than in Germany. Expressed as a percentage of GNP Expressed as a percentage of GNP at factor cost the figures were practically identical in the two countries in 1974—the latest year for which figures are available—13.0 per cent as against 12.7 per cent though Mr Prag is correct in suggesting that in Germany the top marginal rates are considerably lower than in

Finally, it is equally a myth to suggest that workers' participation in industry was first introduced by "Christian Democratic (ie, Conservative) Governments". It was originally imposed by the occupying powers (on the suggestion of the British Labour Government) as a compromise solution between hand-ing back the enterprises to Messrs Krupp, Thyssen and Co (which the Americans wanted) and turning them into State enterprises (which the British preferred). It was the unforeseen success of this experi-ment which led to its extension to other industries, first on a minority basis and now on a parity basis. The comparative absence of nationalized industries in Germany

My pre-tax salary was three times opposition my UK salary. The academic salary

structure in the UK is now so flat that the professor in charge of a large academic department receives, after tax, about 20 per cent more than a lecturer at the top of his scale. This is little compensation for the considerable additional responsi-Finally, Sir, the additional non-sense of inflation proof pensions

which Mr Prentice tried to draw our attention to by his resignation, should not be forgotten. My father is a retired schoolteacher receiving a teachers pension and an old age pension. He worked hard for many years and deserves a comfortable retirement. But during the period October 1975 to October 1977, he will receive an increase from his pensions equivalent to about £1,000 per year.

My professorial salary during the same period will have increased by

£208. It will not take too many more years of the present system of restraint for the retired school-master to be given more by the receives in salary!
Yours faichfully,

C. J. CONSTABLE. Professor, Operations Management and Business Policy, Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield,

Bedford. December 23.

From Lord Kaldor

It is nonsensical to suggest that there is any relevant difference between Britain and Germany in the method of financing social transfer expenditures. In both countries they are financed by compulsory social insurance contributions on em-ployers and workers. But whereas in Britain, according to the latest estimate of the CSO (Economic Trends, November 1976, p108) the rate of contributions, expressed as a percentage of GNP at factor cost, amounts to 6.7 per cent (of which 3.7 per cent is paid by the employers) in Germany the figures are 13.5 per cent (of which 8.5 per cent is paid by the employers). Hence the compulsory transfers from the productive to the unproresulting from the welfare state are twice as great in relation to GNP in

be in the doghouse.

The same CSO publication also

or in Sweden (despite an uninter-rupted Socialist Government for over 40 years in the latter country)

reflects differences not so much in ideology as in the comparative efficiency of private enterprise. Private enterprises both in Germany and Sweden are effeciently run. In Britain—as the examples of shipbuilding, marine engineering. machine tools, motor car production, aero engine production, etc, showthey are not. Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS KALDOR, King's College, Cambridge, December 31.

From Sir Alec Randall

Sir, Lord Kaldor's letter (December 24) is incomplete; it does not give credit where it is due. I was in Germany soon after the end of the war; an unforgettable scene of destruction and human despair; people were sitting among the rubble of Berlin, Hamburg, Kiel and no doubt scores of other cities. A little later there was the German cognette economy". Later on what an amazing change !

The present German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, was asked some few years ago by an interviewer on the BBC to what he attributed on the BBC to what he attributed his country's prosperity and stability. He raplied that first of all it was Ernest Bevin, Foreign Minister in the Labour Government, who, through his officials in the Control Commission got in touch with such trade unionists as could be found and in agreement with them restructured the German trade union system. "It reduced the number of trade unions", Chancellor Schmidt continued, "to 16 in all; you have, is it 100 or 200?". It made unofficial strikes illeral. illegal, prescribed a ballot or cooling-off period, and introduced measures of workers participation. This was approved by the Free Democrats in coalition with the Social Democrats, and has not been Social Democrats, and has not been revoked. Moreover, it deserves to be recalled, the Federal German Social Democrat Party, in in "Godesberg programme" of 1959, shed all totalizationism, welcomed cooperation with religious bodies, was committed to the mixed economy, and under certain conditions. tions accepted, one could say encouraged, private ownership. The electoral system, a form of proportional representation, proved to give a much fairer reflection of public opinion, and by the rule that the parties who failed to reach 5 per cent of the total vote, should not have parliamentary seats, excluded both extremes, the National Demo-crats and the Communists. . These constitutional changes were

ide by the German Government independently, but fundamentally the belo Germany has recently given to this country through the IMF may be regarded as some return for the statesmanlike action taken by the Attlee-Bevin Government in regard to the reorganization of the trade unions. ALEC RANDALL, 9 Master Close,

Oxted.

Surrey.

Making education work From Professor E. Stones

Sir, Rhodes Boyson, whose article you printed on December 30, is running true to form. Maximum essection and minimum evidence coupled with a simplistic apprecia-tion of the educational issues involved make it impossible even to begin a dialogue. I hope, however, that you will at some time consider the possibility of admitting someone to your columns to attempt a somewhat more reasoned presentation of the issues involved. In the meantime may I be permitted one Boysonism? Our present economic, political, and industrial mess is a direct consequence of the fact that the present generation of political and industrial leaders were educated in the Gradgrind tradition extolled by Boyson and Co. Yours faithfully, E. STONES. School of Education,

The University of Liverpool, 19 Abercromby Square, Liverpool. December 30.

Film industry pay From Mr John Coote

Sir, The story which appeared in your issue of yesterday (December 29) about a 19.5 per cent pay rise to certain employees in the feature film industry needs considerable

clarification. There are seven unions engaged in film making. Six of them have voluntarily abided by the social contract. The other—the Associ-ation of Cinematograph Television and Allied Technicians (ACTT)— refuse to recognize this policy and is in dispute with this Federation over the interpretation of cost of living clauses in its Agreement. It is not true to say that the Department of Employment approved" the 19.5 per cent award which is in such flagrant breach of the spirit and intention of the national wages policy voluntarily entered into between the Govern-

The Department has consistently ruled that the interpretation of specific provisions in the Agreement was a matter for negotiation between the parties. Unhappily ACTT has repeatedly refused to meet the employers on this issue.

ment and the TUC.

It is also quite untrue to say that the employers have "missed two payments". This Federation has already paid its employees in full the amount which it (the Federation) believes to be due (10 per cent) which in itself has opened up yawning differentials between ACTT members and workers in the other six unions.

The disputed balance (a further 10 per cent) is being held in escrow pending the outcome of arbitration. However ACTT will not agree to this course of action either and has instead ordered widespread industrial action, in further breach of its agreements.

It is a matter of regret that rises of this magnitude escape the inten-tion of the national incomes policy, apparently without comment from those who are supposed to be monitoring its operation.

JOHN COOTE, Director-General, Pederation of Specialised Film Associations, 27 Soho Square, W1.

Government and

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow Sir, The plea in Sir Alastair Pilkington's letter today (January 4) that policicians should try "to increase the uniting forces" deserves strong support. Slavish adherence to the doctrine that it is the duty of an Opposition to oppose is matched in foolishness by the policy of government "by manifesto". In the latter case policies conceived in certain circumstances are uncompromisingly made to apply in totally different conditions in conflict with all the canons of good sense.

Sir Alastair pleads for compromise solutions better to serve the nation, though not the preferred solution of any. Where better could this wisdom be applied than in the field of devolution. As it is, in spite of the vital issues at stake, this question looks like being fought out on the usual basis of adversary politics. Yours.

DENIS GREENHILL 25 Hamilton House, Vicarage Gate, W8. January 4.

Worker participation

From Mr Derrick Williams Sir, You report (December 29) the Local Authority Associations as being opposed to local government employees serving as members of councils or their committees, and in particular quoted Mr Gervas Walker, the Chairman of the Association of County Councils' policy committee, as saying that employee participation in decision-making conflicts with "the British concept of local government as a

democratic institution".

But the Education Act of 1944, a piece of modern legislation concerned essentially to secure the administration of the education service in local government and by democratic means, specifically requires local education authorities to appoint representatives of their teaching staff to membership of education committees, and for 30 years now such representatives have made valuable contributions to the policy decisions of local education

Whether or not there is some real difference between teachers and other groups of local government employees, what is the attitude of the Local Authority Associations to teacher participation in decision-making? There is an issue here of fundamental importance to the education service of the country. The artempt was made during the preparations for the reorganization of local government in 1974 to abolish the statutory requirements for local education committees and their membership, and one trusts will not be repeated during the debate now developing between the Government and local authorities on the general principle of worker participation. Yours faithfully.

25 Redland Grove, Redland, Bristol. December 30.

Christian names in 1976 From Mrs M. Brown

Sir. At the start of the Queen's Silver Jubilee year. Elizabeth was the name most frequently chosen by readers announcing the birth of their deughters in *The Tinies*. The analysis for 1976 shows further that James remained the most popular name for boys for the thirteenth

name for boys for survear in succession:

James (1) 224 Elizabeth

William (5) 124

Edward (7) 115 Jane (1) 84

Alexander Louise (2) 83

Mary (4) 63 Adexander
(2) 109 Mary (4) Thomas (8) 102 Sarah (5) John (4) Charles (3) 101 Charlotte 97 Robert (11) 89 David (10) 86 Clare (6) (16) 53) 58 David (10)

Richard (9) 80 Alexandra Catherine (13) 52 (7) 57 (The figures in parenthesis indl-

the position held in 1975.)
The list of boys' names has changed little since last year, except that Robert has replaced Nicholas. Among the girls, Charleston of Carboning have proposed lotte and Catherine have proved more popular than Emma and Victoria. Two traditional favourites which increased their totals in 1976 were George for boys and Margaret for girls. Among the more unusual names chosen for girls were Astraea and Serenella.

The table of first names shows

James once again heading the boys. while Emma recained the lead from Sarah as she did in 1973: James (1) 116 Emma (2) Thomas (2) 75 Sarah (1) William (8) 62 Alexandra

(3) 39 Alexander (4) 61 Charlotte Edward (10) 58 (11) 39 Nicholas (3) 56 Lucy (6) 37 Nicrolas (314) 48 Elizabeth (9) 33 Robert (22) 46 Victoria (8) 32 Charles (5) 43 Alice (34) 32 Richard (9) 42 Katherine (6) 30 Rachel (11) 29

In the boys' list, David and Robert took over from Benjamin and Andrew. John increased his rotal considerably in 1976, and almost reached the final ten. Charlotte, Rachel and Alice outdid Rebecca, Emily and Joanna. Alice made remarkable strides last year, scoring more than twice her 1975

An analysis of the figures for 1976 shows that there were 4,142 births announced in The Times, of which 2,109 were boys and 2,033 were girls. The overall figure is very close to that of 1975, which was 4,277. The following summary shows

the distribution of names in 1976:
One Two Three Four No Totals
Boys M8 823 327 6 5079 2.033
As in 1975, the number of twins
recorded was 52. Of the 1976 sets,
14 were boys, 14 were girls and 24

were mixed.
The adoptions totalled 36 (as against 49 in 1975) of which 17 were boys and 19 were girls. There were two sets of twins adopted in 1976. Yours faithfully, MARGARET BROWN, 7 Foxthorn Paddock,

Badger Hill, January 1.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE anuary 5: The Duke of Gloucester opened the Council for Education in World Citizenship thirty-fourth Annual Conference for Young Citizens at the Ficcadilly Hoter, London, Willieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales is to visit he Ivory Coast from March 25 to 23.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Sir Allen Goldsmith will be held in the Queen's Chapel of the Eavoy on Tuesday, January 25, a; 1000.

Righthdays today

Sir Fenton Atkinson, 71; Major-General Sir Hamish Campbell, 72; Sir Robert Clark, 53; Dame Mabel Crout, 87; Sir Thomas Lund, 71; Lord Netherthorpe, 69; Lord Plowdon, 70; Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Thompson, 72; Sir Andrew Urquhart, 59; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, 65.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Treasures of the print room, acquisitions 1975-76, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6.
Exhibition: Pompell AD 79, Royal Academy, 10-8.
British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, 11-5.
The Queen's Life Guard mounting teremony, Horse Guards, Whitehall, 11.

Service luncheon

328 Erebus, 1927 2.28 Erebus, 1927
12 Drake and St Vincent terms, 18 Erebus, 1927, held a luncheon terds at the Naval and Military 11 at which the following mem
3 were present:

1 Admiral St Ronald Brockman, r-Admiral M. A. McMulion and J. Ross: Captains B. S. Blanchford, B. Brocke, A. Hawkins, A. B. 197, C. C. Suher and A. E. 197, C. C. Suher and W. V. Sully:

1 Lleographic Commanders B. J. 198 and A. W. M. Collyer.

Aemorial service

logel J. B. Upton ie Lord Lieutenant of Humberte Lord Lieutenant of Humberda, the Earl of Halifax, was resent at a memorial service for Colonel James Bryan Upton held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, esterday. The Rev G. B. Bridgman officiated. Colonel Rupert Sec. Smith read the lesson, and Tr. Basil N. Reckitt gave an idress. Among those present were: Upion (widow), Mr James Upion, Nicholas Upton and hir Timothy on Isons: Mrs W. Alherion on 18021. Mrs W. Atherion uphter with Mrs. W. Atherion uphter with Mrs. C. C. Nevers up director: Sir Michael Colman; Rockitt Colman; with Mrs. C. C. Nevers up director: Sir Michael Colman; S. V. Wright, Mr D. A. Tottom, Mr C. Kase, Mr G. J. F. Alexander, C. L. C. Sommers and Mr Donis (directors), Mr W. R. Haro, W. Velentino and Mr K. S. Glarke; Sryamor Jones, Lieutquam-Colonel P. Holmes, Mr W. S. Hobson; Hall Corelly Coancil; Colonol A. V. Sr (Fred Great), Mr G. S. Burnial; Tome Soyd, Jr, and Mr J. Gordon il Chambor of Commercs and bing).

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Jursing he Florence Nightingale Brooch, reated by Collingwood of Con-nit Street and donated by them or sale for the benefit of the or the college of Nursing, is right of the college of Nursing, is right of the royal college for resentation to the college's predent as an official jewel in celedent as an official jewel in cele-ration of the royal college's lamond jubilee.

Churches' statement The third agreed statement of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Inter-

national Commission, entitled Authority in the Church, will be published on January 20.

Latest wills

Mr George Quick, of Liverpool, left £19,693 net. He left all his property to Survive for mobile medical aid.

Mrs Evelyn Mary Murphy, of Potters Bar, left £46,642 net. She left £10,000 to the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Other estates include (net, before Other estates include their before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Grantchester, Lord, first baron, formerly Mr A. J. Suenson-Taylor, of Portman Square, London

242,890

Marriages

Mr R. T. A. Hughes

and Miss V. J. McCrea

The marriage took place at St. Mary's, Bayford, on Saturday, January 1, 1977, between Mr. Robert Hughes, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, and Miss Virginia McCrea, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCrea. The Rev J. A. Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Miranda McCrea. (younger sister of the bride) and Miss Cornelia Wadham, Mr. Kim. North was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the homeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J. A. Whitamore and Mrs G. J. Brentuall

and hirs G. J. Breamail
The marriage took place on
January 5 in Elton Hall chapel,
Elton, Cambridgeshire, between
Mr Anthony Whitamore, of Easton-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, and
Mrs Gwyneth Brentnall, of Ketton, Rutland.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs John Cely Trevilian was christened Thomas Richard John by Bishop E. B. Henderson, assisted by the Rev R. C. P. Terrell, at St Catherine's Church, Drayton, on Sunday, January 2. The godparents are Mr Julian Chichester, Mr Desmond Marshall-English, Mrs Simon Lamb and Mrs Timothy Jackson.

Memorial meeting

Forthcoming ·

Mr N. J. Beicher and Miss F. D. Taylor

Mr W. D. Curtis and Miss S. M. Collins

Mr C. P. Kendall and Miss R. E. Sawyer

and Miss H. M. Williams

Dr E. Martin

Dr M. A. Patton

Mr A. C. Putler and Miss J. M. Marks

Mr N. J. Slocombe and Miss G. M. Boit

University news

Warwick

and Miss F. D. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. G. Belcher, of Burton Bury, Stansted, Essex, and Flons Dorne, only danghter of Mr and Mrs R. Taylor, of Yarrow Cottage, Henham, Essex.

and Miss S. M. Collins
The sugazement is announced between William Derry, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Curtis, of Gastons, Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire, and Suzanne Mary, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Collins, of 7 Wharf Road, Watson's Bay, Sydney.

The engagement is announced be-tween Clive, son of Mr and Mrs F. P. Kendall, of Redington Road, London, NW3. and Roselind. daughter of Mr and Mrs P. C. Sawyar, of High Park, Stafford.

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Martin, of Swanwick, Derbyshire, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs B. D. Morgan Williams, of Claverdon, Warwick.

the engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Patton, of Donaghadee, co Down, and Jacqueiine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Pickin, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Putler, of

Mr and Mrs Georrey Patter, or Old Farm Cottage, Grayswood, Surrey, and Joanna Marion, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marks, of Riplington, East Meon, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs H. R. Slocombe, of Bowhill, Topsham, Devon, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. T. Bolt, of Pinehurst, Exton, Devon.

WOLFSON COLLEGE: C. S. Trep. MA. VD. Lond . PhD (Lond). has been elected into a fellowship under title & from October 1, 1976.

Appointments
Professor J. R. Mulryne, head of
English literature department,
Edinburgh University, to a professorship in English literature from

marriages

Mr H, Miller Mr H. Miller
A memorial meeting for Mr Hugh
Miller was held at the Savage Club
yesterday. The speakers included
Mr Richard Briers, Miss Joan
Miller, Mr Peter O'Toole, Mr
Peter Barkworth, Miss Google
Withers, Mr John McCallum, the
Hon Ivor Montagu, Mr Charles
West. Mr James Grout, Mr
Geoffrey Edwardes, Miss Mavis
Walker and other friends and
fellow actora. Among those present
were: were:

Mrs Miller (widow) Mr and Mrs J.

Miller (son and daughter-in-taw). Mrs

Mrs Mrs (aughter-in-taw): Six Emile

Littler, Mr Acquest Brides, Mr Norman

Claridge, Mr R. (Smith, Miss Dorothy

Black, Miss Table Lieven, Mr John

Stotney, Mr George Benson and Mr

Peter Cotes.

Decision soon on BBC academy

By Kenneth Gosling
A decision on the future of the Academy of the BBC, the training orchestra based at Bristol, is expected from the corporation's governors this month.

The BBC has said it cannot afford to maintain the academy entirely from its own resources and has set next antumn as a deadline for offers of outside support. It became clear yesterday, however, that substantial financial help is unlikely. The orthestra, founded in 1856, costs £110,000 a year to run.

Were approached, but all have their own financial burdens.

The official view is that the academy has never insisted that its members should join only BBC orthestras and there are members in other orchestras throughout Britain.

But the Musicians' Union, which is opposing the ending of the sundum weigh with the governors when they review the position. Mr. Howard Newby, managing director, radio, had undertaken, the union said, to put those other year to run.

Many ways have been studied to try to secure support from other sources, particularly from the profession, and orchestras, colleges, authorities and the Arts Council

The engagement is announced be-tween Jonathau Paul Bingham Beardsworth, Royal Tank Regi-ment, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs Simon Beardsworth, of Broad Town, Wiltshire, and Joanna Eliza-beth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Brown, of 198 Race Course, Singapore.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs G. J. Grant, of Donne, Molo, Kenya, and Clare, daughter of Captain and Mrs R. F. Philimore, of Swannore Park Farm, Swannore Southampton

Mr D. M. MacDougall and Miss C. S. Butcher
The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David MacDougail, of Walkwood End, Beaconstield, Buckinghamshire, and Carolyn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Graeme Butcher, of 200 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between Adam Robert Martin, son of Mr and Mrs R. G. M. Morgan, of Hampstead, and Pamels Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Barber, of Rochdele, Lancashire.

Mr M. K. H. Ostocke and Miss P. A. Shepherd-Cross

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. E. T. Ostocke, of Tara, Langton Matravers, Dorset, and Penelope, daughter of Major and Mrs T. R. Shepherd-Cross, of Steephill, St Saviour, Jersey.

and Miss C. S. C. Lee
The engagement is announced
between James, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs J. F. Penrose, Jr; of
Kalamazoo, Michigan, and
Carobyn, younger daughter of Mr
and Mrs J. R. C. Lee, of 2;
Molyneux Street, London, W1.

The engagement is announced between Noil, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. N. Thornton, of Oxton, Birkenhead, and Christine, eidest daughter of Mr J. A. Boyes, of Parsons Green, London, and Mrs D. F. Boyes, of Cambridge.

Professor A. M. Pettigrew, European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management, Brussels, to a professorship in organizational behaviour.

Professor K. F. Wallis, reader, London School of Economics, to a

professorship in econometrics from October 1, 1977.

Personal readership: Dr A. J. Princhard control theory.
Lectureships: Dr K. P. Filint, environmental sciences: A J. G. Lee, engineering; J. M. Mezcients, English: A W. Neever, pollico: J. Q. Smith, statistics: Dr J. A. Williams, cagineering.

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and Miss C. A. Boyes

Course, Singapore.

more, Southampton.

Mr A. R. M. Morgan and Miss P. A. Barber

Mr A. A. G. Grant and Miss C. E. Phillimore

official portrait by Mr Ronald Dickinson, unveiled at Bishopthorpe, York, yesterday.

Britain.

But the Musicians' Union, which is opposing the ending of the academy, insists that other factors should weigh with the governors when they review the position. Mr Howard Newtry, managing director, radio, had undertaken, the union said, to put those other elements to the governors.

The union does not accept that because no immediate financial assistance has been found the academy must disappear. It says

and Man M. W. Mobion
The engagement is announced between John Feilding, son of Major and Mrs J. D. CookeBurle, of Startforth Hall. Bernard Castle, co Durham, and Marion Wynifred (Moppet), younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Richard Hobson, of East Langton, Galuford, co Durham.

The engagement is announced between David Harman Brown, of Gaunts Common, Wimborne, Dorset, son of the late Dr and Mrs F. G. Harman Brown, formerly of King's Cliffe, Peterborough, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Overeil, of Kirribilli, New South Wales. The marriage will take place in Australia.

Mr E. Martin and Miss J. Methuen-Campbell The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of the Rev Canon and Mrs A. T. Martin, of 18 Lawman Road, Probus, Cornwall, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Mr C. Methuen-Campbell, of Penrice Castie, Reynoldston, Glamorgan, and Mrs O. Methuen-Campbell, of The New House, Otley, Suffolk.

The engagement is announced between Anthony Howard, eldest son of Mrs A. W. Mason, of Shortlands, Kent, and the late Mr. H. R. Mason, and Victoria

The engagement is announced

Ash, Surrey, and Penelope Ann, only child of the late Major-General E. H. W. Cobb, CB, CBE, and of Mrs Cobb, of 17 Sion Hill, Roch

Miss J. K. P. Ellison

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include :

Lord Justice Lawton to be chair-man of the Criminal Law Revision

Court. Mr John Walford, deputy general

secretary, to be general secre-

tary of the Multiple Scierosis Society, in succession to Mr A. C.

Mr J. O. Howson, aged 29, a teacher of Horusey, to be pros-pective Liberal candidate for Enfield, North, At the last gen-eral election Mr B. Davies,

eral election Mr B. Davies, Labour, had a majority of 4,793

Prospective candidate

Waine, who retires.

Mr A. H. Mason and Miss V. E. McLallen

and Miss P. A. Cobb

Mr D. C. Harman Brown and Miss A. E. A. Overell

place in Australia.

the academy is the only training element of the corporation's misic department, an obligation that the BBC had accepted and from which it should not withdraw.

Professor Borls Ford, of Bristol University, who has been leading a committee examining the orchestra's future, said yesterday that he hoped for a year's reprieve so that long-range possibilities could be explored.

The money being discussed way the chairman of the governors that the BBC's finances, as disclosed in the annual report, were less serious than had been feared and jr would be only reasonable to reconsider the decision concerning the orchestra.

Jubilee visit to Lancashire · and Merseyside

Details of the silver jubilee tour by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside were issued from Buckingham Palace

They will visit Lancaster and Preston on the morning of Mon-day, June 20, and attend a luncheon given by the chairman of Lancashire Councy Council at

The next day the Queen and the Duke will attend a school sports festival at Edgley Park football ground, Stockport, and a civic lunch at St Helens Town Hall. They will later attend a musical

Iney will later attend a musical pageant at the Metropolium (Roman Catholic) Cathedral and visit Liverpool Cathedral. From South Park, Bootle, they will view a panorama of shipping on the Mersey. In the evening, the Queen and the Duke will hold a reception on board the royal yacht Britannia.

The Prince of Wales will hold his first investiture when he con-fers awards at Buckingham Palace on February 15 in the absence of the Queen, who will be on her silver jubilee tour of Australasia.

25 years ago

Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr W. H. McLallen, Sr. of Van-couver, British Columbia, and the late Mrs McLallen.

Suez gun battle

between Graeme Neal, younger son of Squadron Leader J. R. Robinson, APC, RAF (retd) and Mrs Robinson, of The Old Cottage, From Our Special Correspondent From Our special Correspondent Fayid, Jam 4.—The gun battle ontaide Suez last night in which two British officers were wounded flared up again this morning and a troop of Centurion tanks of the 4th Royal Tank Regiment was engaged several times today. This afternoon intermittent skirmishes continued and there are unconfirmed reports that a third officer. afternoon intermittent skirmishes continued and there are unconfirmed reports that a third officer has been wounded. A private of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, was wounded in the hand this morning. At least two Egyptians were killed, British forces have sealed all roads into Suez both from Cairo and from the north. The battle, one of the most serious for some weeks, began yesterday afternoon when Egyptian terrorists opened thre on the water fibration plant at Kafr Abdou, near Suez, and on a neighbouring railway signal box guarded by British troops. This morning vehicles travelling along the road from the Suez garrison to the filtration plant came under fire from the roofs of houses and a troop of tanks was deployed in the area of the plant. The tanks fired 20-pounder high-explosive shells into houses from which shots were coming. The marriage will take place shortly between Toby, son of Mr. and Mrs A. P. W. Simon, of 3, Wells Rise, London, Niv8, and Jeannie, daughter of the late Squadron Leader P. Ellison, OBE, APC, and of Mrs Ellison, of Leeds.

wins iunior chess Groningen, Jan S.—Mark Diesen of the United States won the inder-twenties world junior ches championship here today. Diesen, aged 19, beat Marcel Sisniega of Mexico in the thirteenth and final round in the Dutch tournament to finish with 10 points.

Second was Labouir Ftacnic of Second was Labour Fixenic of Crechoslovakia, who became the European Junior chess champion when he drew his final match against hir Grinberg of Israel to bring his score to 5.5 points.—

man of the Criminal Law Revision Committee and Lord Justice Waller to be chairman of the Policy Advisory Committee on Sexual Offences, in succession to Lord Edmund-Davies, who retires from both committees. Mr R. J. Parker, QC. to be a judge of the Queen's Bench Dwision of the High Court. He will be a Judge of the Commercial Court. Church news Appointments

Diocese of Bath and Wells The Rev R. M. Beck, Vicar of St Juhn's, Tauston, the Rev R. Denman, Vicar of Cheddar, and the Rev L. C. Olyott, Rector of Crewkorte and Way-ford, to be honorary canons of Wells Cathodral. Cathodral.

The Rev M. J. Balchis, Bector of Morton-sub-Hamden, to be priest-transported of Chipstable with Hutsh Champilower and Claimpiloy.

St Cuthbert's, 'n'ells, to be Vicar of Tatworth. The Rev R. F. H. Hino, curate in rhange of All Saints'. Farmborough, in the slop petont-in-charge of St Line and R. Rev S. Priston. All Rev S. Priston. The Rev S. Priston. The Rev S. A. Newton. chaplain of King's College Hoadital. Lendon, to be curate-in-charge of Bishops Suiton with Stowers. The Rev S. A. Newton. Chaplain of King's College Hoadital. Lendon, to be curate-in-charge of Bishops Suiton with Stowers. The Rev D. R. Miller, Vicar of Wedmore, to be Rural Done of Asbridge. Cuthbert's, Wells, to be Vicar of The Rev D. R. Hiller, VR.4F or Wedmore, to be Rural Dean of Ash of Ash of the Rev P. R. W. Tomliuson, Vicar of Barrow Gurney, to be circle-inchargo of Languer with Aller. But he Rev C. R. Vincent. Revenue of Rev Trusty, Frome. The Rev R. Eperion, Rector of Selation, discours of Lichiteld, to be Rector of Chestrop Mendid with Siam Eastern, Lines and Embarough, The Rev R. E. Flower, Counte of

OBITUARY

MR PHILIP GOODING Pioneer work for concrete

Mr. Philip Gooding, OBE, who died on Tuesday at the age of 70, had for 50 years been a force in the concrete industry which, from 1922 until his re-tirement in 1971, he had served with energy and enthusiasm through the medium of the Cement and Concrete Association in which he had been Director of Information, of Training and of Publishing.

Gooding began his career as junior assistant on Concrete. a magazine then edited by H. L. Childe for the British Portland Cement Association. When, in 1935, the role and membership of the association were ex-panded into the Cement and Concrete Association, he took charge of the information services which the C & C A was to provide to the construction in-After the war Gooding's role

developed to include dissemina-Unlike his predecessors, the Archbishop of York, Dr Blanch, chose a modern setting for his tion of the results of research undertaken at the association's newly acquired research station at Wexham Springs, near Slough, particularly research in prestressed concrete which he quickly recognized as a deve-inpment of international significance. With Kirkwood Dodds, the emicent consulting engineer, and A. P. Costain, Gooding was responsible for setting up, in 1948, the Prestressed Concrete Development Group which form the property lead to which four years later led to the formation of the Federa-The celebrations of the Caxton quincentenary have swamped the celebration of an anniversary almost as important to the world of printing and learning, the 500th anniversary of the first book printed in Greek. tion Internationale de la Précontrainte: in both these deve-lonments Gooding's remarkable gift for bringing people together and of reconciling competing interests played a lead-ing part. He served the inter-national body faithfully and with vision as secretary That was the Greek Grammar

500 years of

the contemporary rise of humanism, which drove men to read the ancient authors in the.

Printing the ancient texts not only made them more accessible to scholars and the educated public; by standardizing textual readings, it also made them more authoritative, less liable to convint extending textual readings.

copyists' errors, and clearly

negative.

The printing of Greek texts did

not really get under way until the
sixteenth century with the great
Venerian scholar-printer, Aldus

became an important weapon in rousing the self-awareness that led to the war of independence and

freedom.

The seminal invention 500 years ago is being gratefully commentor, and by Hellenophiles and by all who have benefited from it, which means the whole civilized world.

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printing '

in Greek By Philip Howard

That was the Greek Grammar of Constantine Lascaris, printed in Milan in 1476 with a fount of type designed by the Cretan, Demetrius Damflas. The book is intrinsically almost as boring as Caxton's first piece of printing in English. But it is of immense importance because it was a vital step in the process that made the wisdom and beauty of actient Greece, from Homer to Aristotie, central strands in the culture of modern Europe. general until 1973. The development of training in all aspects of concrete construction was another part of the C & C A's work which Gooding pioneered, and small beginnings in temporary buildings at Wexham Springs led to the prein the culture of modern Europe.

The British Library, which has the greatest collection of Greek incumabula in the world, has mounted an exhibition, which traces the development of Greek typography down to the twentleth-century in a selection of beautiful and influential books. The National Book League has organized a symposium to commemorate the invention that made the classics available to the ordinary reader.

Two Important events greatly sent full-scale residential centre at Fulmer Grange. Publishing, in which he had begun his working life, next came under his direction—a division of the association's work made necessary by the considerable growth of the publications issued by the C & C A, of which bestknown is Concrete Quarterly, which Gooding launched in 1947 Two important events greatly encouraged the publication of Greek soon after the invention of printing: the fall of Constantinople, which drove the Byzantine scholars to emigrate to Italy; and the contemporary rise of

and which is still a leader in its field.
It is a joint tribute to Philip Gooding and to the Association which employed him (not least. which employed him (not least to successive director-generals, who included Sir Francis Meynell and the Hon Leo Russell) that both saw that their work lay in the direction of pioneering contacts abroad as well as at home. Thus in 1966 Gooding was a major force in setting up the Concrete Society to bring together all sectors of the concrete industry: he played active

rogetner at sectors of the concrete industry; he played active roles in Cembureau (the European Cement Makers' Federation) and the British Road Federation. Indicative of his vision was his interest in the affeir of tra-Institute of Landscape Archi-tects, a body which does much to minimize the often neces-sary ravages of industry, help-

ing to organize joint activities between the Institute and the road federation, directed wards improvement of the environment. High among his priorities was work among architects, for whom for many years he organized visits abroad as well as at home to buildings of structural interces of structural interest. He brought for the first time to this country Pier Luigi Nervi from Italy, and Felix Candela, the Brazilian engineer-designer. Such unremitting devotion and energy brought honours to him. He was accorded an honorary MSc of Leeds University, principally for his work in prestressed concrete, and made honorary Fellow of the Institu-tions of Civil Engineers and the Highway Engineers, as also of his own institution the Struc-tural Engineers. He was made OBE in 1964. As a final accol-ade, the American Concrete

retirement Honorary Membership for "his outstanding leadership in co-ordinating the exchange of information for the advancement of concrete.".
Philip Gooding had friends and acquaintances in countries throughout the world. They will miss his mordant, dead-pan humour, his pregnant silences and the humanity which, whatever the pressures, always informed his attitudes. He was twice married, secondly to Muriel Paton who survives him together children. their two with

Institute accorded him on

MR ULI NIMPTSCH

Mr Uli Nimptsch, RA, the his career was assured. Among sculptor who created the statue of Lloyd George in the House his busts were those of Brendan Bracken and Sir Paul Oppe but the peak of his recognition as a sculptor of public memorials had come in 1961 when he was of Commons, died on January 2, at the age of 79. A sculptor adhered to the figurative mode commissioned as the sculptor of of Lloyd George for the Lobby of the House of Commons. This work, for which Nimptsch worked on photographs and illustrations, was unveiled two. throughout his career, he was, nevertheless, thanks to a long period of study in Rome, thoroughly steeped in classical art and his work, though formel in outward appearance, sometimes penetrated below the years later. surface of academic representa-tion to embody the more comprehensive qualities of true

The Greek types he used, based on the cursive Greek handwriting of his day, constituted an enormous task for the punchouter and companies for the punchouter classicism. He was born in Berlin on May 22, 1897, and studied at the number of ligatures and con-tractions required. For the same reason they are difficult for modern eyes to read. A simpler style of non-cursive Greek typoacademy there, a training which, though conventional in itself, did not restrict his work to bland, "public" forms of expression. After Berlin he graphy has prevailed.

In addition to spreading the literature of the glory that was Greece, the invention of Greek printing preserved and developed the written Greek language during the Ottoman occupation, and became an important preserved. went to Rome where he stayed for eight years. There he imbibed the classical spirit and also came under the influence of the Baroque genius of He completed his artistic

education in Paris and came to England in 1937 where he became naturalized. His talents were recognized by the director of the National Gallery, Sir Philip Hendy, who gave him encouragement. Thereafter

January 4, in Rhodesia, at the age of 77.

He was born on July 12,

1899, the only son of the 6th

Baron. He was educated privately and at Durham University, and entered the Royal Horse Guards just in time to serve in France at the end of the First World War. He

became adjutant of the regiment and in 1924 he went to South

Africa and served for four years as-ADC to the Governor-

General. Returning to England

he served with his regiment at

cot the Command in 1938 and

held it until 1941. In the Second World War he was with CMF

and BLA, being mentioned in

dispatches. He took a prominent part in

of which he was a Freeman, and an alderman of the County

Council.
He married in 1931 Marie

Louise Priscilla, daughter of Colonel Sir Herbert Charles Perrott, Bt. CH. CB. They had one son and four daughters. The son, the Hon Brooke Weld-

Forester, succeeds his father in

M. RENE BELIN

M René Belin, a trade union

leader who became Minister of Labour in the Vichy Govern-ment during the German occu-pation of France in the Second World War, has died at the age

He was assistant chief of the Confédération Générale du Travail (CGT) unon when Hitler attacked France and devoted his efforts as minister

to putting Frenchmen back to work.

He left the Vichy Covern-

meat after two years; charges of collaboration with the Ger-mans brought against him after

Air Commodore Gerald Stan-

ley Shaw, CE, who has died at Port Shepstone, Natal, at the

age of 78, was AOC. Air Head-

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His works were acquired by a number of galleries through-out the country, including the

Tate Gallery, the British Museum, the Arts Council, the Museum of Leeds, the Museum of Manchester and the Museum of Liverpool. Apart from his more public utterances as a sculptor he concentrated particularly on the female nude to which his severely disciplined approach brought considerable penetration. His 1965 Newcastle upon Tyne exhibition particularly demonstrated his ability to bring new insights to an unfashionable mode approaching that subject.

He was made an ARA in 1958 and an RA in 1968. He married, in 1925. Ruth, nee Steinhal, who died in 1974. They had one

LORD FORESTER MR R. J. HOLMES

Colonel Lord Forester died on R. H. H. writes:

Old colleagues in South Arabia will have been as saddened as myself, to learn of the sudden, early and tragic death —in a railway carriage between Harpenden and St Pancras—of Dick Holmes. The first and last Advocate General of the illfated Federation of South Arabia, he was a man of subtle integrity and great kindness, possessed of a remarkable possessed of a remarkable understanding of the Arabs of what is now, I believe, the People's Democratic Republic of South Yemen,

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Dick shared this strange affection which often exists between Englishman and Arab; and indeed, for some of usand this is perhaps a tribute to the service of which he was a member—his interests lay entirely with the people he public life in Shropshire, had been twice Mayor of Weulock, served.

On leaving South Arabia he taught common law for a while at University College London, and then entered the Home Civil Service, finding at last a niche in the Law Com-mission for his conscientious industry and expert legal knowledge.

Kind, loyal and a faithful counsel, I miss him. Salaam' alaikwn, best of friends.

Mr Mikio Mizuta, a former Japanese Finance Minister, has died at the age of 71. A member of the Liberal Democratic Party, he had been Minister of International Trade and Industry before becoming Minister of Finance for the first of three terms in the office, in 1960.

Joan Viscountess Buckmester died on December 22 in her 79th year. She was Joan, second daughter of Dr Garry Simpson, and she married the second Viscount Buckmaster in 1916. The marriage was dissolved by divorce in 1944. Lord Buckmaster died in 1974.

Lady Saunders-Pryse, widow Sir Pryse Saunders-Pryse, of Sir Pryse Saunders Fryse, fifth and last baronet, died on December 23. She was Emily Georgiana Harriet, daughter of Quarters, Burma, 1947-48, and Director of Personal Services, she was married in 1938. He died in 1962.

Science report

Electronics: Magnetic bubble storage

in a direction opposite to that of its surroundings. In the past 10 years the magnetic bubble has advanced from a curiosity to an important contender for storing information. Bell Telephone Laboratories in the United States is about to introduce the first devices based on magnetic bubbles. The quality of performance will be watched with great interest by the electronics industry throughout the world.

The magnetic material commonly used is the somewhat bizarre crystal yttrium samarium colcium germanium from garnet, grown in a film three micrometres thick. on a non-magnetic substrate in the form of a thin wafer. If a magthe form of a thin wafer. If a mag-netic field of appropriate size is applied perpendicularly to the film, say by an electric coil sur-rounding the wafer, bubbles form. The bubbles are sensitive to any change in the magnetic field and will move towards regions of lower field, with speeds of several kilo-metres a second.

The frecessary rapid spatial changes in the magnetic field are achieved by depositing thin layers of permalloy on the crystal in repeating structures such as chev-ons. Permalloy has a high mag-netic inductance and in the presence of an external magnetic field in the plane of the wafer the permalloy structures generate strong local field fluctuations, which can be made to vary with drag if the external field fluctucan be made to produce small voltage fluctuations in an electric output circuit. A magnetic babble device thus

A magnetic bubble device thus fulfils the criteria for a store of binary information. A pulse in an inputting electric circuit generates a bubble (representing i) or the absence of a pulse leaves no bubble (representing 0). The bubble (or no-bubble) is shifted along one of the tracks, to be followed by another bubble (or no-bubble) and so on. A long string of 0s and is is just oneway of storing digital information and when the data are to be read out the controlling magnetic field drives the bubbles (or no-bubbles) past the detector one by one, converting the message back to electrical pulses. Since bubbles can be replicated in the crystal before being read out, the data in store can be copied and the copy recycled for future use.

Magnetic bubbles are, of course.

Magnetic bubbles are, of course, by no means the only means of storing data: there are paper uppes, punched cards, magnetic tapes, magnetic discs, magnetic cores and a variety of semiconductor devices. So for bubble devices to have a future in the market place they must have some market place they must have some competitive features. The sort of devices that Bell Laboratories is manufacturing in a pilot plant can store about 70,000 pieces (Os or 1s) on a chip a couple of centimetres across, and the data

A magnetic bubble is a cylindershaped region of diameter up to
a thousandth of a centimetre that
can be created in certain carefully
prepared materials. The material
within the bubble is magnetized
in a direction opposite to that
of its surroundings. In the past
of its power is
switched off.
Speed of access to any specified
tages although not as good as for
magnetic tores and semiconductor
memories. Reasonable estimates of
cost will have to wait until the cost will have to wait until the manufacturing process, which includes laying the crystal on the substrate and implanting the permalloy patterns, has become stabilized. Other competing materials are being developed in other laboratories and might significantly affect costs in the longer term.

Commercial decisions on whether to make hig investments are due to be taken in many countries in the near future. One company said: "We are about resorbirds to be taken in many countries in the near future. One company said: "We are about two-thirds of the way down the runway and will have to decide soon whether to take off". About a dozen companies, including Plessey in the United Kingdom, are believed to be interested.

Speed of access to any specified piece is better than for discs and tapes although not as good as for magnetic cores and semiconductor cost will have to wait until the

the United Kingdom, are believed to be interested.

The whole field of "word-processing", printing, typing and keeping business records, could find a use for small storage devices. One chip can store the information from 11 pages of single-spaced typescript. But early use is almost certain to be in storing recorded messages for telephones. In a high-technology field the first words out of a bubble device could be the low-technology message "Your call did not go through. Please try later."

By Nature-Times News Service. By Nature-Times News Service.
Source: Bell Laboratories Record,
vol 54, page 262 (by Joseph
'Gensic). C Nature-Times News Service, 1977

Dartmouth entry The following candidates have been declared successful for entry as midshipmen on the general list of the Royal Navy and entered the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on Tuesday: Dartmouth, on Toesday:

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Brockenhurst C. G. T. Costello. St.
Mary's RC GS. Kentt. L. F. Davidson,
Glasgow Univ. A. R. V. Derison,
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The following have accepted for entry as midshipmen to the supplementary list in the engineering specialization: engineering specialization:

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C. C. W. Allaway, Bishoushalt GS;
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C. M. Mid-Essey, Tech. C. R. I. Fault;
L. C. C. C. R. Mid-Essey, C. C. R. Mid-Indian, S. C. M. Mid-Indian, S. Dunstan, S. C. J. N. Mid-Indian, S. Dunstan, S. C. J. N. Mid-Indian, S. Dunstan, S. C. J. N. Mid-Indian, J. Lasera Sixth Form C. Bonfred
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Durbasse Pitt; M. J. Faure, Lancing,
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Univ: S. L. Huyton, Heriol-Watt Univ.
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Reserves fall by \$1,027m but figures show first signs that tide has turned

Britain's reserves of gold and foreign currency fell by \$1,02/m in December, taking them down to \$4,129m. But, although the fall in reserves leaves them at their lowest

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leaves them at their lowest level in recent years, the December figures show the first signs that the tide has turned in the authorities efforts to restore the United Kingdom's external position.

The reserves are likely to be heared next week by a drawwhom for man ized visits about boosted next week by a drawing of \$1,150m from the International Monetary Fund and a \$500m swap from the United.

The December drop was more than accounted for by the repayment of \$1,545m to the nine industrial countries which gave Britain the right to borrow up to \$5,300m during May

If this repayment is excluded there are clear signs that the Bank of England was able to buy back from the foreign ex-change merkets some of the currency which it had sold earlier in the year in an effort to prop up the pound's value. The sum of \$444m was taken

in this way.

Foreign exchange markets were mildly-impressed by the reserve figures. The pound eased upwards during the day to close at \$1.7110, up a quarter

to close at \$1.7110, up a quarter of a cent. Its effective depreciation was 43.9 per cent, down 0.2 per cent on the day.

Two special items affected the December figures apart from the repayment of the stand-by facility. The first was that the United Klugdom postponed paying \$175m of interest owed. paying \$175m of interest owed to the United States and da on loans taken out just after the last war. The second was borrowing abroad of \$102m by nationalized indus-

tries.
This borrowing was carried out under a system in which the nationalized, industries do not have to bear the loss they

UK RESERVES The following are the figures for the United Kingdom's official reserves issued by the Treasury yesterday:

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may incur from any fell in the However, the borrowing was however, the borrowing was almost certainly outweighed by the need for the United Kingdom to finance its deficit on current account, which presumably imposed a strain on reserves in December.

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In November, the current account deficit was £310m.
During December, the pound rose by 5 cents to \$1.70. This reflects the Bank of England policy of trying to smooth out fluctuations, replenish the reserves and maintain Britain's

competitiva position. This year the Bank will have to tread a careful path. It must avoid putting the pound's credibility at risk, but it must also allow its value to ease if this becomes necessary to com-pensate for the United King-dom's inflation rate.



Mr Alan Law: Opposition

Spy in the cab 'victory tor union By Christopher Thomas

Labour Staff

Larry drivers are claiming victory in their continuing opposition to tachographs, dubbed "spies in the cab". Action by drivers in Birmingham, scheduled to begin two days ago, was called off at the last minute. on an international scheme to do this is unlikely to be reached at next Monday's Basle meeting of central bank governors.

Any international support scheme would pose a number of technical problems where In particular, the United Kingdom may want the scheme

The drivers had intended to refuse to offload any vehicle fitted with a tachograph, but the move was suspended after Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said he had no intention of enforcing the instaliation of the devices which measure distance and record what is happening in the cab.

Despite EEC regulations confirming the use of tachographs, Mr Rodgers has said that he would prefer them not to be used in Britain, and is backing an initiative by Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, for an EEC inquiry into the United Kingdom case. Mr Alan Law, TGWU Midlands trade group secretary representing thousands of drivers, claimed victory in the

Shell/Esso sign outline pact on North Sea participation But Mr Peter Baxendell, a production, but to sell back to

vigorous opponents of the Government's plans for taking a majority 51 per cent in commercial oil discoveries in the North Sea, yesterday formally signed an outline participation agreement that gives them access to all their offshore production in the United Kingdom

The two companies originally opposed the Government's participation objectives because they claimed they would need all the oil they produced from the North Sea to service their extensive United Kingdom refining and marketing.

Industrial Correspondent

next week.

Difficulties over the payment terms on £2,000m worth of

British defence contracts with Iran will be high on the agenda

in ministerial talks in Teheran

Mr Dell, Secretary of State

for Trade, is leading the British

delegation to the fifth meeting

of the United Kingdom-Iran joint ministerial commission on

trade and economic develop-

ment Leading the Iranian dele-gation will be Dr Manuchehr

Taslimi, the Minister for Com-

merce, and former head of Iran's Industrial Development

The Shah of Iran is insisting

that the contracts with British

companies be paid for on an oil barrer basis rather than on cash

and credit terms. Shell and British Petroleum, which are major customers for Iranian

oil, have been involved in talks

but are believed to be less than enthusiastic about taking sub-

stantial additional supplies of

Among the projects involved

is a £770m ordnance factory near Isfahan, being built by a consortium of Laing and

Iranian crude.

and Renovation Organization.

managing director of the Royal : Dutch Shell group and chairman of Shell UK, said yesterday that the group now felt able to on a voluntary basis as the concept of participation had changed radically.

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, described the memoranda of principles, which will be turned into a formal agreement by March 31, as a

Iran's oil deal demand

high on Dell agenda

form of planning agreement". Under the agreement Shell and Esso have granted an option to BNOC to acquire 51

Wimpey through the Crown Agents subsidiary, Millbank Technical Services. But other

base at Chah Babar.

company has reached

British visible exports

Iran are now running at an annual rate of more than

£500m, making Iran Britain's

largest market in the Middle East. Mr Dell is also expected

to have talks with Mr Amir Abbas Hoveida, the Iranian Prime Minister, and a number

the companies at the same price sufficient North Sea crude to support their United Kingdom

It will also sell back North Sea crude that can be exchanged for quantities of heavier crudes from foreign sources so that the companies can produce the right mix of oils needed.

Mr Bexendell said that Shell's refining requirements this year would be 20 million tons of crude oil, of which three million would come from the North

Damper on

General Accident's car rates go up 12pc

The cost of motor insurance could fall in real terms this year as the leading insurance groups plan premium rate increases well below the current

holds the largest share of the market among the composite insurance groups, with more than a million policies in force covering 11 million vehicles, yesterday announced its first premium increase for more cent and commercial vehicles by 14 per cent, from February 1, among the top five most expensive motor insurance companies, fells short of the rate of incent a year.

GA's increase, although the first to be announced this year, comes after a decision by the Prudential-which has not been made public-to restrict its rate increase to an average of 5 per cent from January 1 as part of a " conscious decision to go for more United Kingdom motor

business ". This move is unlikely to herald a rate war, however, as the Prudentiel, which insures some 500,000 motorists, put through rate increases totalling 421 per cent in 1975 and is one of the more expensive of the motor insurers. It now feels able to "let the rest of the

market overtake" in premium terms this year. A steady flow of rate creases are expected from the other major motor insurers in the coming months. And both Guardian Royal Exchange and Eagle Star, rated second and third behind GA in the size of their motor business with around a million and just under 900,000 policies in force respectively, are both reviewing

crease of 50 per cent. One effect of the ussian harvest is that

An area of doubt remaining is the quality of the grain. According to the United States Department of Agriculture much of it may be below average quality. Frequent rains and harvesting difficulties could have resulted in excessive

is concerned, although winter grains have been reported to be progressing well in an area expanded by five million hec-tares, much of the increased sowing may have been in areas where severe cold could result n substantial winterkill.

grain trade outlook

By Wallace Jackson Commodities Editor

defence contracts affected by the Shah's new policy include the supply of 110 Scorpion light tanks; four 8,000-ton naval Confirmation from Moscow that the grain harvest, at 223.8 million tonnes, is a record, support ships worth about £90m from Yarrow (Shipbuilders); £80m of armoured recovery strengthens predictions that grain trade in 1976-77 will be below the 1975-76 level and vehicles to be supplied by Vickers, and payment for con-tract work at the Iranian naval that stocks will rise. Although the Soviet Union

has said that, despite the record It emerged last week that Vickers had agreed to the princrop, the commitment to buy a minimum of six million ciple of oil barter payments and company officials are due in Teheras for talks at the end tonnes of grein annually from the United States will be met, of this month. Iran has ap-parently agreed to pay cash for an initial order but is intotal Russian imports of grain in 1975-76 were 26 million tonnes; and some strong com-petition to sell this year's crop, sisting on barter terms for the balance of the contract and the particularly from the United States and Canada, can be ment with a partner for the expected deal with Iran. The American grain export

business has been slow for some time. The Department of Agriwheat exports at 30 million tonnes, two million below those of last year. The Food and Agriculture Organization, has gone further and said that shipments may decline to 26 million

Wheat stocks in the five major exporting areas—Argentins, Australia, Canada, the European Economic Community and the United States at the end of the 1976-77 crop year have been estimated at 56.9 million tonnes compared with 38 million tonnes provisionally estimated for 1975-76, an in-

least 100 million tonnes wheat, a resumption of exports of wheat to Eastern Europe may be expected. In mid-1976 it had told its allies to look elsewhere for supplies.

moisure.

So far as the 1977 harvest

By John Brennan Insurance Correspondent

rate of claims inflation. General Accident,

than a year. Premiums for private cars will rise 12 per But this increase, putting GA crease in claims costs, now running at more than 15 per

their charges. When their new rates are set, increases of around 10 per cent are widely expected. Similar or slightly lower changes are expected from groups such as Phoenix, Commercial Union and Sun Alliance, which have held premiums steady for some time. A clear pattern of greater selectivity in rating charges is emerging throughout the indus-try, with disproportionate increases in races for commercial vehicles where charges have lagged behind claim costs. Lloyd's underwriters, who in-sure a fifth of private motorists in Britain and 13 per

cent of the total motor market, have traditionally been more selective then the companies. Unlike the companies, which made underwriting losses on their motor accounts in three of the past six years, and are unlikely to have achieved much more than break-even in 1976, Lloyd's has been in profit on motor underwriting for all but one of the past 30 years.

Industrial investment intentions less buoyant

Some decline in business confidence is reflected by the results of the latest government survey of investment intentions, which have prompted a revision of capital spending forecasts by manufac-turers in the year shead. The Department of Industry

reported yesterday that instea of the badly needed 15 to 20 per cent increase in menufac-turing investment during 1977 compared with 1976, the new projection will be for a 10 to 15 per cent rise in volume terms (measured at 1970

The suggested upswing of up to 15 per cent is still a hand-some rise and a first cast at intentions for next year intentions for next year indicate a similar rise in 1978 over 1977. · ·

However, spending on modernization of factories and machinery has been at a low level and even with a sustained growth as indicated the magni-rode will only be comparable with the expenditures of 1970 and 1974 by next year. At the same time, the Chan-cellor's recent forecast for a 194 per cent rise in private

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Yaur :	Menufacturing expenditure (£m at 1970 prices)
1970 - 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	9,130 1,991 1,739 1,872 2,024 1,737 1,6404
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Rounded estimates

may look a little too optimistic.
In current price terms, the
level of manufacturing spending, on the revised Dol projection, will be about £5,000m in
1977 with upwards of £6,000m
in 1978.

The revised estimate of spending this year is based on questionnaires sent out at the end of October but received in November and the first half of December when the Inter-national Monetary Fund loan negotiations were in progress and uncertainty about the Chan-

cellor's action was high. This revision bears out the warning from the Confederation of British Industry, which had also received optimistic results in its own trends inquiry, that manufacturing between the an investment boom in 1977 second halves of 1976 and 1977 could not be taken for granted.

Junta's economic strategy upset by severe financial crisis

campaign against the tacho-

Chile company failures spark run on savings

has brought the military gov-ernment's entire economic two banks have denied this. strategy into question only days after the World Bank voted the country a \$60m (£35.3m) loan, in the confidence that its poli-cies were fundamentally sound.

International Monetary Fund.

Rebuilding them to a more acceptable level is likely to be high on the authorities' list of priorities. At present they are

not even large enough to cover one month's import bill.

keen to protect the reserves from the necessity of dealing

with any sudden strain on the pound through a sudden out-flow of funds making up the so-called "sterling balances". Mr Teichiro Morinaga, Gover-

nor of the Bank of Japan, said yesterday that final agreement

views are bard to reconcile.

to cover all the official sterling holdings, which total over \$4,000m, while a number of

other countries would prefer to

restrict it to a smaller sum in the range of \$2,000m.

There is also the question of what to do with the private

creditors, and technical details

must be settled on how money should be raised if it is needed. One suggestion believed to

have been considered is that the

Bank for International Settle-ments should raise money in its

Officials in London stress that all these problems are about the way in which a support

scheme should operate. There is still believed to be agreement on the principle of setting

The authorities also remain

At least six private investment companies have gone bankrupt since the beginning of December. Two executives of one have been arrested on charges of freud. The board of directors of another defaulting company is composed of prominent civilian supporters of the military regime.

The crisis has already spread to the private banks. Both the

Santiago, Chile, Jan 5.—A Banco Español and the Banco When the first company major financial crisis affecting of Commercial crisis affecting of Commercial companies investment companies investment companies investigation by the central December leaving Sim debts, financial crisis affecting of Commercial City of Comm Señor Humberto Diaz, president of Banco Osomo y la Union, has resigned, for what were described as personal

> The government has now been forced to pass a new decree requiring private investment companies to recall all losss within 30 days, before registering formally with the central bank, and accepting regular supervision of their Observers believe the com-

panies will not be able to re-cover their loans in time, and foresee more bankruptcles.

panicked, and began to with-draw their money. Yesterday infurlated savers

gathered outside the head office of the La Familia company in Santiago, demanding their money. The board of directors of the now bankrupt company included such wellknown figures as Señor Javier Leturia, prominent in the National Unity movement, National Unity movement, created by the Junea to promote

civilian support for the regime, and Senor Tomas Irrazabal, a top official in the Labour Ministry, who has been forced to regime to resign. Señor Eugenio Legos and

December on charges of fraud. This particular company was closely related to a number of others which have either gone bankrupt or are in serious difficulties. The gravity of the situation may compel the Government to

intervene further, by taking over the companies' debts and trying to shore up the shaky Such a move would go against the regime's commit-

been under arrest since late

ment to reduce government intervention in the economy to a minimum.—Inter-Press

Shift in deposits helps bank curbs

With borrowing pressures slackening, banks have taken significant steps to cut back their interest bearing resources to within the limits allowed under the Bank of England's supplementary special deposit scheme, known as the "corset". Statistics released by the Bank of England yesterday for the three weeks to December 8

show that the margin by which the banks were exceeding their permitted growth within the scheme was almost eliminated in the period after its intro-duction on November 18. The corset, introduced as a device to control the inflow of deposits into banks and hence

the money supply, allows banks to expand their interest bearing resources by 3 per cent over a six-month period.

When the scheme was introduced, these resources had already grown from the base figure by 6.2 per cent for the banking system as a whole and

clearing banks.

By December 8 the growth By December 8 the growth for the blanking system overall had been pruned back to 3.7 per cent, while for the clearers it was down to about 6½ per cent. To meet the target banks will have to reduce their interest bearing deposits by about £200m by the spring.

As far as the clearing banks are concerned the key factor in

are concerned the key factor in the reduction, as revealed in separately published figures, has been a shift from interest bearing deposits to current accounts. Time deposits dropped by £284m, while sight deposits grew by £362m, giving an over-all increase in deposits of £78m. The clearers offer no ready explanation for the increase in current account holdings which have been relatively static re-cently, although the reduction of time deposits may partly be explained by a drawing down of funds by customers to finance

by almost 10 per cent for the clearing banks. taking other measures to re-clearing banks. trench. They sold £99m worth of gilts and cut back lending to local authorities by £151m so as to release resources and reduce dependence on interest bearing

deposits.

They are also getting some help from a lower level of bor-rowing demand. Lending to the United Kingdom private sector during the period dropped by £8m. That was less than might have been expected on seasonal implied rate of growth of about £50m-£70m is well below the previous month's £200m.

There was also an £86m fall in commercial bill holdings. The reduction is being taken as evidence confirming the banks earlier view that some companies' borrowed money they did not need during October and early November in anticipation of the corset scheme. The clearers have also been adopting measures to ration lending to non-priority bor-

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BANK FIGURES

The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve banks released by the Bank of England today:

At mid- month	Eligible Nabilities Em	Rise over 3 months at annual rate %	Asserve assets ratio
1975			
Nov	33,453	4.9	15.2
Dec	33,349	4.6	15.1
1976	-		
Feb	33,206	0.2	15.4
Mar	33,108	0.9	15.8
April	33,909	10.6	15.6
May	33,740	6.6	15.2
June	34,029	11.6	15.2
July	34,989	13.3	14.2
Aug	35,181	18.2	15.1
Sept	35,793	22.4	15.4
Oct	36,613	19.9	14.4
Nov	37,246	25.6	13.9
Dec	36.890	12.B	13.8

The eligible liabilities of the banking system as a wholeessentially sterling deposits—fell by over £350m during the period, pointing to a lower rate of growth in the money supply. Financial Editor, page 17

Strike stops all production of Massey tractors

Strike pickets at Massey-Ferguson's Coventry plant have stopped all tractor production and prevented 600 office staff from entering the adjoining headquarters building. More than 2,200 workers were on strike or laid off last night.

began before Christmas is now costing us a retail sales loss of £1.5m a day." The strike began when the

to all 1,150 assembly workers and more than 1,000 other workers have been laid off. Our Industrial Staff writes: In summer 1975 a six-week pay strike at the plant was settled

Report for the year ended 28 August, 1976

THE WELLCOME FOUNDATION LIMITED

Capital employed	£177,656,000	£146,833,000
Group sales	£290,238,000	£212,887,000
Profit before tax	£41,412,000	£26,214,000
Profit after tax and before . extraordinary items	£19,804,000	£11,024,000
Expenditure on research and development	223,062,000	£15,932,000



' I am happy to be able to report continuing progress on a broad front ', says Mr A. A. Gray, Chairman of The Wellcome Foundation Limited, in his annual review. 'Sales have increased in all tour of our operating regions and the total, amounting to \$290 million, is an increase of 36% over the previous year.

Profits before tax were £41 million. This increase

has been achieved in the face of rising costs for raw materials and wages, by no means all of which can be recovered in prices which, in our industry, are generally subject to outside control. Expenditure on research and development rose to £23 million, against £16 million in the previous

year, giving renewed evidence of our determination to expand this fundamental work in real terms. Of the £20 million profit after tax, once again a high proportion, 80%, har been retained in the business to finance future expansion. Once again approximately 85% of sales to

third parties were outside the United Kingdom. Direct exports rose from £44 million to £51 million. The company gained the Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1976, the only major pharmaceutical company to win the Award. 'Our operations in the United States are a most

important part of the total group and have provided an increasing stream of dollar remittances to the United Kingdom balance of payments. Our retained profits over the last five years

have amounted to £48 million compared to an increase of only £25 million in net Group debt. These factors, together with a significant redeployment of assets within the Group, have enabled us to finance the very rapid expansion of our business.

*This is my last annual report before retiring as Chairman of The Wellcome Foundation Limited.
I feel confident that, in any manageable economic circumstances, I can forecast further progress under the leadership of Mr A. J. Shepperd as the new Chairman and Chief Executive." The Wellcome Foundation Limited is an

international group of pharmaceutical and chemical companies with headquarters in the United Kingdom. Under the will of Sir Henry Wellcome, all distributions received by the trustees who are the sole shareholders are applied by them to the support of medical and veterinary research in universities and hospitals throughout the world.

Matthew Brown & COMPANY LIMITED Lion Brewery Blackburn Extract from the Report and Accounts to 2nd October, 1975.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE in £'990	1978	1975
Turnover	15,657	11,428
Trading profit	3,144	2,418
Depreciation	(375)	(268)
Interest payable	(195)	(57)
Profit/(loss) on property disposals	26	(8)
Profit before tax	2,600	2,085
Profit after tax	1,257	999
From ener tax	8.94p	7.07p
Earnings per share	5.40p	4.32p
Dividends per share (gross)	3.40p	4020

Points made by the Chairman, Mr. Cyril Ainscough in mid-December '76.

.... 1976—53 weeks compared with 1975—52 weeks.

*Turnover up 37%; trading profit up 30%; pre-tax profit up 24%; earnings per share up 26%; total dividends up 25%. * Contributions from 1975 purchase of Workington Brewery Company

Limited are exceeding original expectations. * Balance sheet strengthened by recent rights issue which will provide the means to expand sales of championship winning Statom larger

* Cauticus optimism for increased profits in 1977 is encouraged by volume of sales thus far being well maintained.

Business, Executive Technical Appointments

a very Happy, Constructive and Successful 1977 to the Country generally, Industry and especially to their Friends and Clients.

Rises BH South Dully Mall Tat Haggas, J. Hammerson 'A' 7p to 97p 10p to 225p 10p to 285p 15p to 325p

How the markets moved

Harrison Cros Hill, C. Bristol 13p to 400p 18p to 94p imp Chem Inc. 4p to 350p Falls Anglo Am Corp
Baggeridge Brk
Burco Dean
Elsburg Gold
Heath CE
10p to 230p
21p to 230p
22p to 37p
24p to 76p
8p to 437p

Equities rallied from early weak-

Sterling gained 25 pts to \$1.7110. The "effective devaluation" rate

securities gained

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was 43.9 per cent.

On other pages

Business appointments

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gilt purchases.

8p to 352p 7p to 205p 19p to 431p Weyburn Eng Willis Faber Winkelbaak Gold lost \$1.75 an ounce to \$133.75. SDR-S was 1.16508 on Wednesday

while SDR-E was 0.680537.

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The Times index: 152.86+0.53 By Clifford Webb

A company spokesman said:
The unofficial strike which

company stopped payment for one shift on the new tractor cab assembly line, claiming that the 136 men were not working hard en<u>o</u>ugh. The strike has since spread

only after court actions for pos-session of the factory after the workforce blockaded the plant.

Efforts to halt strike at Cammell Laird yard

By R. W. Shakespeare
Hopes of settling the strike by 450
workers that is threatening to halt the
Cammell Laird shipyard at Birkenhead by the weekend seem to rest on con-tinuing talks between leaders of the industry's employers' association and national officers of the Boilermakers'

The strike could make 4,000 other workers idle. It began on Tuesday over wage demands which, the company claims, break the Government's pay code.

But the strikers maintain that the management has gone back on a deal made 18 months ago and withdrawn a

Yesterday a management spokesman said: " For the moment the rest of the labour force is working normally. It is difficult to say how long this can con-tinue. The strike action is bound to lead

to a progressive rundown because the men involved are key workers.

"There is no picketing of the yard and, as far as we know, no local meetings have been arranged. But the London offices of the Shipbuilders & Ship Repairers' Association are in content to the city of the structure and content to the structure and content to the city of the city stant touch with the situation and are also in touch with national officers of

chairman, has given warning that, although the yard has work until the end of this year, new orders are scarce and competition fierce. The yard is working on 12 ships—a destroyer and 11 bulk carriers.

The trouble with the boilermakers appears to arise from an agreement the management tried to negotiate with the Boilermakers' Union during 1975. This involved proposals for more flexible working arrangements and the retrain-ing of some workers for fresh jobs.

While the agreement was being discussed the management says, some men

who agreed to retraining were paid an allowance of £2 a week. The company claims the full agreement was later rejected by a mass meeting of boilermakers and, before it could be renegotiated, the Government's pay

policy was announced. Because the increases could not be paid and a new agreement could not be renegotiated, the "temporary allowances" had to be withdrawn and the company's plans to push ahead with its flexibility policy abandoned.

The men gave notice of their intention to strike two weeks ago, maintaining that the allowances did not breach

In brief

Union seeks meeting on jobs at Burtons

Union leaders are demanding an early meeting with Mr Cyril Spencer, the new chief execu-tive of the Burton tailoring group, to clear up fears about redundancies. The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers has asked for clarificaion of some statements attributed to the group, suggesting that " a further change in policy is about to take place".

Mr John Flood, national officer of the union's menswear section, called for a statement of intent from the company without delay. He said that the continued shift in policy, which had been a prominent feature of the group's operations over the past five years, should speedily be brought to an end. USDAW would insist on maxi-

mum consultation about any changes Private homebuilders see continued slump

Prospects for private house-builders this year were the worst since the 1974 slump when only 105,000 new private homes were started. Mr Tony Cavanna, new president of the House Builders Federation, House Builders research the Opec new year price research in London yesterday.

"It is questionable whether and improved production by the and improved production by the communist block. Saudi output be greatly exceeded during of 8.6 m. 1977, said Mr Cavanna. In helped th deed some builders are already America a forecasting that fewer than producer.

From Peter Norman

West German unemployment topped the million mark again last month, rising by 105,200 to 1,089,000—4.8 per cent of the working population.

Although there were about 135,000 fewer weeking population.

135,000 fewer unemployed than at the end of December, 1975, the average over the whole of 1976 varied little from 1975.

Bonn, Jan 5



Mr Cyril Spencer.

100,000 new private houses will be started in the 12 months ahead." The main factor affecting confidence was uncertainty over the availability of mortgages. The federation would regret any increase in the existing 124 per cent mortgage rate but a rise in rates was preferable to a mortgage

Oil output record

World oil output hit a record 57.2 million barrels a day last year, thanks to economic re-covery by the industrialized nations, stockpiling in front of the Opec new year price rises, of 8.6 million barrels a day helped the Arabs to displace America as the second largest

German jobless again top million mark

4.6 per cent of the working population—against 4.7 per cent

One statistic not publicized was the decline in the foreign labour force, which had fallen to about 1.94 million at the

beginning of December from its

record of 2.5 million in December, 1973.

If Germany had not been able to "export" more than half a million "guest workers"

PO-suppliers partnership urged to boost telephone equipment exports

By Malcolm Brown Establishment of a new export corporation whose prime job would be the overseas communications equipment suppliers within a few weeks. Setting up such a body is the

main recommendation of a report prepared by Sir Raymond Brown, Britain's former chief arms salesman, in tormer chief arms salesman, in the first of a series of examinations of the export potential of nationalized industry suppliers. The report's recommendations were warmly welcomed at yesterday's meeting of the National Economic Development Council according to Sir Ronald McIntosh, directorgeneral of the National Economic Development Office.

Exports plan for

paper plant trade

Mr Edward Hunt, chairman

of the British Paper Machinery

Makers' Association, called last

night for a "sales package"

embracing equipment, finance and technology, to increase ex-

"Future trends of our over

seas business are likely to be from the developing nations."

jobless figures for last year would have been a far greater embarrassment to the Govern-

showed a provisional DM1,630m

surplus in November after October's downward-revised

DM1,390m surplus and the up-ward revised DM1,450m sur-plus in November, 1975, the West German Federal Bank

Unions challenge trend, page 17

In addition to an export corporation Sir Raymond also suggests that Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, should have talks with Cable marketing of the so-called should have talks with Cable System X, the next generation and Wireless, international of telephone switching equipment, will be discussed by the Cal Services, the three publicly cal Services, the three publicly owned consulting bodies in the field, to find how formal links could be set up both among them, and with the proposed new corporation. The report suggests that in the longer run there should be

> to provide a strong, unified consultancy.
> "The need is to establish and execute a clear, detailed and agreed export marketing strategy for the exchange equipment under development. This can only be fully achieved with the active support and commit-ment of the Post Office."

a rationalization of the three

The report suggests that the corporation's board should be headed by a part-time chairman, accountable to the Secre-tary of State for Industry. It would consist of a full-time chief executive and part-time representatives of the Post Office, the manufacturing companies, the publicly owned overseas consultancies and the National Enterprise Board.
Sir Raymond says he is aware
of the concern of the manufacturers—GEC, Plessey, Standard
Telephones and Cables—about

disclosure of commercially sensitive information. "I therefore recommend to the council that full consideration be given by the Department of Industry and by the Post Office to the implications for Post Office procurement of any arrangements to be established for collaboration

Decision expected soon on calls for inquiry into MFC

By Our Industrial

Ministers are examining evidence which could lead to an investigation of the affairs of Maritime Fruit Carriers, the Israeli-American shipping company whose financial crisis earlier this year led to disposal of the bulk of its fleet.

Mr Clinton Davis, Under Secretary of State for Trade, and departmental officials, are studying submissions by former Addressing the association's annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London, Mr Hunt, said:

studying submissions by former employees of MFC's principal British subsidiary, IFR Services, and a decision on an inquiry is expected within a few weeks. Earlier this year, at the height of MFC's difficulties, Mr Davis rejected an investigation of or MFC's anticulties, Mr Davis rejected an investigation of MFC or its British-registered subsidiary, Swan Maritime, owned jointly with Swan Hunter Shipbuilders, which is now being wound up.

Mr Davis said then that there were no grounds for an investigation.

A second request was made Securities to Mr Davis by Mr Geoffrey mission.

Finsberg, Conservative MP for Hampstead. Mr Finsberg, who would not identify the constitu-ents involved, said: "As a result of my intervention cer-tain statements have been made by two of my constituents to officials of the Department of Trade on the affairs of two of MFC's British companies."

MFC operated on a complicated financial basis with many one-ship companies in a closely interlocking structure. It was substantial customer of British shipyards

The group's withdrawal has now been vartuelly completed with the successful sale of a tanker built by Swan Hunter to Swan Maritime's account and the takeover by the Bank of Scotland of one of two tankers being completed at Scott Lith-gow's yard.

The business deals of MFC's cofounders, Captain Mila Brener and Mr Yascov Meridor, are under scrutiny by the American Securities and Exchange Commission.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Threat to mining industry in the South-west

Sir, As a metalliferous min-Sir, As a metalliterous min-ing engineering undergraduate my worst fears for this country, which only a decade ago still seemed to be boom-ing, were realized when the Government announced that Government announced that some industrial development grants for the South-west were to be axed. In particular I refer to the direct consequences these cuts will have on the locally and nationally important in mining industry.

Any mine accountant, the world over, will tell you that a mine exists on a precarious balance between an uncontro! able metal price which is the only source of income, and escalating costs of labour and materials. These last two factors are increasingly dependent upon a constant development programme which, if cut back, will have two main effects.

First, and at this time of economic crisis the most im-portant, lack of development may endanger the jobs of many skilled and semi-skilled mine employees and so also many more people who provide secondary services to the mine and its staff.

And, secondly, if no development takes place then the South-west will lose its credibility as a region where major industrial development from scratch is still considered

Two new tin mines have

been started in Cornwall in the past seven years and both have needed enormous capital in-volvement by each of the two major mining finance houses

that have overseen the pro-jects. If big fish like these in the capital expenditure tank are scared away because the Government shirks its responsi-bilities towards the South-west then there is little hope for the Cornish people and the country as a woole. United Kingdom industry United Kingdom industry needs help from both the City and abroad but surely no one

will blame these large com-panies if all involvement is going to do is cost them large sums of money. Development aid is a must for industrial stability at this time. After all, the slave who received one piece of gold from the master made nothing, but the one who received 10 made a further 10.

Thus, looking at the Govern-ment's lack of interest in the mining industry as a whole I relish the thought of leaving this diseased country and its government as well as many of my apathetic countrymen. I hope to work in Australia or Canada where the countries' leaders support the mining industry at a time of great economic crisis. Yours sincerely

PAUL ASHTON, Camborne School of Mines, Camborne,

Cornwall.

Added-value data hard to find

From Mr Tony Coad Sir. Over the past few months, partly thanks to the increasing volume of discussion in your columns. I have become increasingly aware of the merits of measuring and rewarding industrial productivity by the yard-stick of added-value. I was especially stimulated by Maurice Corina's November 29 article on the subject, and because his article referred in some detail to Geoffrey Wood's recently published productivity survey (which used added-value indices as a performance index), I gave myself the task of finding a copy of the study, and collecting national added-value data from government statistical serious we are about improv. publications. The country, after out national productivity. all, depends fundamentally wondered why the publications. upon the creation of added-value and so, I reasoned, would have provided itself with de-

tailed comparative data easily accessible to industry. To my surprise this was not to be. Although the European Eurostat service publishes some added-value data, the British statistical services apparently do not, so I drew a blank there. My secretary's prodigious

efforts to find a copy of Mr Wood's survey in the major business libraries and bockshops failed entirely, although Foyles thought that it might be worth would sell.

Given our lack of interest in measuring it, I question how serious we are about improving wondered why the publication of Mr Wood's book was left to the Americans, but now applaud British publishers for understanding the domestic market so well!

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY P. R. COAD. Reid & Timpson Associates Limited.

my while paying them a visit. Fortunately I was lucky, and my colleagues and I are finding the data most helpful. I was interested to hear that mine was the only inquiry to date, that I had their only copy, and based upon their experience would be the only one they

I recall being told at business school that "if you cannot mea-sure it, you cannot control it".

170 Piccadilly, London W1V 9DD.

Eradicating pension fund 'abuses'

From Mr Roy A. Grantham Sir, It was as disconcerting as it was depressing to read Maurice Corina's report (December 14) of the fears expressed by industrialists because of the Government's proposals on pension fund trusteeship.

The report implies that the investment decisions of super-

investment decisions of super-annuation funds have been satisfactory when decided by employers, whereas in fact, investment decisions are based on advice by experts in the field. We only wish that our members, whose funds have been damaged by rash investment in property and secondary banks, had had the advantage of this mystical superior investment decision-making the article implies, currently

obtains.
Our members who are pension fund trustees, like management pension fund trustees, have to take full account of the advice that they are given. That advice is not always as good as it should be.

The history of superannuation funds shows that many funds administered by management trustees have used honuses or other sources of income to reduce employer contributions in many cases to below that of

A major purpose of trades union trustees will be to ensure that past abuses are eradicated to the benefit of the fund. Yours faithfully,

ROY A. GRANTHAM, General Secretary, Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical & Computer

22 Worple Road,

Remedy for pilfering?

From Miss Peggy D. Stamp Sir. Reference severe pilferage from stores and shops, surely the answer is for additional staff to be employed with a return to some counter service. The vast sums of money being lost would easily cover the cost of extra labour and to a small extent alleviate the unemploy-

ment problem. The approach to be taken by the Association for the Prevention of Theft in Shops seems a negative one if they are willing to accept pilferages of £500m a

year.

More positive thinking than this is required to reduce this narional scourge. Yours truly, PEGGY D. STAMP,

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WESS Slater looked cheerful in a par-North light blue shirt, blue patterned tie, light grey suit and dark

grey overcoat with velvet collar. He was accompanied only by his solicitor. He was preceded by mem-bers of his defence, who lugged into No 3 Court consignments of red-bound fries in cartons

An omission from

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Sir Harold's team

The City has acclimatized itself shortage if bank lending rates to the prospect of Sir Harold are to fall in line with MLR. Wilson and his committee investigating its affairs, indeed, it welcomes such an inquiry if, first, it serves to desiroy dan gerous popular mythology about what the financial sector is up to and, second, if it is the price that must be paid for the spectre of bank and insurance the more the relief will be company nationalization to be Stock markets removed.

Moreover, most people in the financial community, having overcome the initial shock, firmly believe that Sir Harold will, as Lord Shawcross put it recently, conduct his study "on an objective and non-political basis. The hope is that this committee will make a real conibution to the future structure of our financial system in the same way that the Radcliffe Committee did nearly 20 years

That said, there will be some unhappiness about the composition of the committee. There should have been someone in Sir Harold's team who worked in and inderstood the day-to-day workings of the securities market.

It is a notable omission and one which the committee may live to regret as it comes to terms with the complexity of its subject. One is bound, for example, to contrast the lack of any market specialist with the inclusion of four academics, hopefully people who are not unaware of the realisies of busi-

Bank lending

The test is still to come

With the banks apparently moving back rowards the limits of interest bearing deposit growth allowed to them under the Bank of England "corset" scheme the necessity actually to scheme the necessity actually to cut back on lending would seem to be evaporating.

But the really resting time is still to come, and yesterday the banks were playing down the significance of the statistics.

the significance of the statistics for the unusually short three week period to December 8. The next set of figures will embrace an exceptionally long six week period during which will fail the year end payment of interest and commission charges, quarterly VAT payments by manufacturing industry and the heaviest cor-

poration tax paying period.

After January 1 compa now face a penalty for non-payment of taxes at the rate of 9 per cent a yeer which is perticular market now looks to not allowable against tax so have been consisted to the there is strong incentive to pay deep freeze at least for the

combine to produce a minor borrowing rush, the banks can be expected to take a very cautionary view of their base rates, much as they did last year, almost regardless of what happens to Minimum Lending

At the start of 1976 it may be recalled, the tax gathering season turned out to be a non-event, but despite their high degree of liquidity the clearers felt justified in holding their base retes steady against a possible flood of borrowing demand at a time when money market rates might otherwise

market rates night otherwise have justified a drop.

This year the banks are much less hquid and much less interested in new lending and, in any case, currently feel that it will need more than 4 point drop in MLR to produce even a theoretical case for 4 lower a rheoretical-case for a lower base rate. For all that the Treasury bill rate keeps failing, other money market rates are remaining high because of the persisting chronic shortage of day-to-day funds.

It increasingly looks 6.9 though the authorities will have to do something to ease this

least, another deferment of the payment due at the end of this month. The more successful the authorities are in selling gilts,

Letting in the foreigners

The good news to start the New Year for those with the wherewithal to buy a seat on the New York Stock Exchange is that the NYSE is about to reconsider the issue of the admission of foreigners.
But whether this is a move

of any great significance or simply a token gesture to the Securities and Exchange Commission remains to be seen. For it appears that any moves to remove the obstacles to over-seas membership could run into some not inconsiderable prob-

In particular, there would be the whole issue of the type of overseas membership to be overseas membership to be admitted Hard-pressed London stock brokers are not expected to be high up the list of those Those who would probably want to be first over the threshold would be the major European and Japanese commercial banks. And that would be precisely where the real problems start since their United States counterparts are currently denied direct market particips-

As I have said, only a handful (at most) of London broking firms would be interested in ing a me-hold at the centre of the United States Securities industry at this particular time.
The market is large and probably has a considerably more secure long-term future than the British market, but it is also

highly competitive If New York does eventually open up its doors, the common expectation recently has been that London (and other international markets) will be ex-pected to follow ruit. London does of course, already allow overseas nationals to become Members of the Stock Exchange, but foreigners are not allowed to operate in the Lon-The traded option market might at some stage have been able to provide a stree-one entry for foreign participation

in the London market, but that particular market now looks to would obviously traught with problems, in the same way as it looks to be in the States. Certainly, come London brokers would like to see the London market ovened un

to foreigners in the hone that his would help to revive London as a true international merket once again. But it may equally well be that foreigners interested in the London market are content to Unit their interest (and their

liability) to the existing reciprocal arrangements that some already have with the natives.

Selection Trust

Teutonic promise

Selection Trust has yet another new mine, or at least that is what can be inferred from the latest drilling results from the Teutonic Bore copper/zinc pros-pect in Australia. The news was worth another 15p on the shares yesterday and, given that much of the market was largely ignorant of the latest develop-

appreciation.
True, ST's shares have appreciated by more than a quarter (partly as a result of American buying and partly on Teutonic anticipation) since the beginning of December, smartly outstripping the other United Kingdom mining finance houses and the FT 30 share index. And the latest Teutonic results are, not unexpectedly, not quite as good as the first drilling

But they have partly delindiamond drilling continues—and they have shown that there is a visble high grade, if small, mine suitable to open cast mining.
It is precisely this kind of

mine that ST needs—relatively low capital expenditure produc-ing a fast cash flow. Given the group's already heavy capital commitments for its other projects, a large, but high cost mine, would have been just about the last thing it needed. The Teutonic results are likely to win back most of the former friends who deserted over fears about its ambinous development programme. They will also give added spice to the shares of ST's Australian arm—Selcast

Bullock

Posers for the multinationals

The Bullock Report on indus trial democracy may well lead to radical changes in the corporate structure of multina-tional companies if, as seems probable, its proposals ignore the rather different require-ments of international groups who have many of their assets and employees outside the United Lingdom.

What particularly worries several multinationals—to judge the tenor of their evidence already to the committee—is the effect British trade union presentation will have on the decision-making process of groups that by their very nature ticularly as regards the direction of investment which has heen something of a hot potato in the past with the unions.

Certainly, the adoption of a postery rather than a two-tier based which appears to be one of Bullock's central proposals, could give British employee representation a disproportionate influence over decisions, a degree of influence that is not accorded employees working overseas. Some form of central representation is likely to lead to a hopeless conflict of national interests.

That sort of obstacle has already been circumvented in Europe to some extent by the Supervisory and executive heard is a rigid distinction between worker particination at the national and international level. Even so, the problems that

can arise are amply illustrated by Volkswagen, whose super-visory board recently bicked up rough over plans for investing in the United States. Moreover, multinationals deeply involved in developing countries have even more cruse for worry since increasingly now they are foint shareholders

with local rovernments. Ahead of Bullock, few comnanies are willing to discuss their reaction to these possibili-ties in detail. But for groups like Shell and Unilever it could well lead to some corporate restructuring to establish simply a United Kingdom holding company for trade union members to sit on, though the legal and exchange control complications. not to mention the opposition of the unions, involved in shiftthe have of operations out the United Kingdom would

questioned by unions realizing that corporate profits would rise at a faster rate than

The West German Government is accustomed to having pressure put on it to reflate.

Mr Callaghan, in his radio interview of last weekend, was

just the latest in a long line of foreign statesmen and central bankers who have tried—so far unsuccessfully—to get Bonn to do more to stimulate the domestic economy. Now, however, the foreign

hopefuls can expect more powerful support from a strong ally in Germany itself. The West German trade union movement is convinced that more must be done to achieve stronger economic growth with the aim of restoring full em-Next Tuesday representatives

of the Government, Federal Bank, employers and unions get together in the Bonn Economics Ministry for another meeting of the "concerted action" committee to discuss the state of the economy.

They do so at a time of growing uncertainty over the strength of the economic upstrength or the swing in West Germany. The Economics Bonn Economics Ministry recently revised its real growth estimate for 1976 down to 5.5 per cent from 6 per cent previously and is now forecasting a real 4.5 per cent to 5 per cent rise in real gross national product this year.

orbinistic, the OECD, for example, putting the likely growth of the German economy this year at only 3.5 per cent. The unions, under the aegis of the Deutscher Gewerkschafts. bund, the German TUC, will take the opportunity of next week's meeting to tell the government that the forecast growth in the economy this year will be insufficient to bring about a significant reduc-

tion in the million strong army

of neemployed. The unions have made similar noises in the past. But their stance next week is likely to be more determined than before as they are losing patience with government policy and with the German general election out of the way are freer than at any time in the past 18 mouths to criticize the actions of the Social Democrat-Free Democrat coalition government of Chan-cellor Schmidt;

They are also in the middle of the annual round of wage bargaining and having to fend off rank and file discontent after a year of remarkable wage restraint.

Last year the unions settled for wage increases averaging ment has between 5 and 6 per cent, fully the idea.

they have been accustomed to the lion's share of trade for

in the desert kingdom, where it

has lost many sought-after con-tracts, particularly, according to Mr Joe Eblam, head of the

commercial section of the United States embassy in Jed-

dah, to British, West German, Japanese and Korean com-

Americans bidding for a

\$953m industrial project at the

port of Jubail lost out to the korean company, Hyundai.

At the port of Yenbow, sev-

after a \$163m contract for a seven-berth development, which they lost to the Greek company

In the water desalination sec-

tor, Westinghouse was compet-ing for a cherished \$1,000m pro-

ject at Juball which went to the Japanese company IHI. When Westinghouse made their

bid for this project they actu-ally wrote into their contract that they would not comply with the Arab anti-Jewish boy-

Also in Jubail, the Ameri-

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earnings, but hoping that the profit rise would (as the Government expected) be trans-lated into increased industrial investment and more jobs.

Investments rose last year, probably by a real 5 per cent but were insufficient to make an appreciable dent in the number of unemployed. Herr Heinz Oskar Vetzer, the

chairman of the DGB, has given vent to his dissatisfaction with this train of events in a num ber of interviews with German newspapers and magazines. Coming in the slack news period around Christmas and new year, Herr Vetter's remarks have him perhaps the most talked about man in Germany

Peter Norman

In a recent interview with the news magazine Der Spiege he said that the unions had never fully believed in the thesis that higher profits led to creating investme that their scepticism had been fully confirmed by the events of the past year.

He underlined a fact that has always been skated over by the Government's economic strategists, namely that higher profits are often used to rationalise jobs out of exist-

Particularly alarming for the largely conservative German press was a stab that Herr Vetter made at that sacred cow German economic thinking the social free market economy when he questioned whether it can form the basis of German society in the future if both sides of industry are unable to restore full employment within its framework.

in another newspaper interin another newspaper interview he suggested that a last resort method of combeting memployment would be to cut working hours. Work available would be shared round more evenly and as an act of solidarity with the unemployed, the workers accepting a cut in working hours should also take a commensurate cut in income. This last proposal, seemingly

so at variance with present union demands for wage increases of 10 per cent, has been rejected by various member unions of the DGB, employers groups and economic research organizations while the Govern-

Americans losing Saudi business

cans to a bid for a \$200m con-tract for building four hospitals for the Saudi ministry of health

Over \$5,100m worth of con-

racts for British products, services and knowhow over the next 12 years from Saudi Arabia's air force, National

Guard and police force for radar and missile networks, air-

field installations, factories, roads, living accommodation, maintenance, equipment and

training, also represents a serious loss of long-term, highly

States companies eager to

With the Saudis suddenly buying British where once they

would automatically have hought American Britain's avis-

tion, electronics and building

construction industries can take

heart at a time when British industry is urgently in need of

The first of these new British

contracts will go to Brirish Air-craft Corporation—a \$1,190m deal for military and airport work throughout the kingdom.

BAC is bringing another 6,000 technicians to Saudi Arabia

this year to add to its 2,000

employees aiready at Riyadh, Dharan, Jeddah, Khamis, Mush

dominate in this field.

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Americans are increasingly company, Volker)—bad to con-losing business in Saudi Arabia these days, a country in which they have been accustomed to the lion's share of trade for

However, it does illustrate that for Herr Vetter it is unemployment that has become the paramount economic problem in Germany today. Ever since unemployment in

West Germany began to move up to the million mark and beyond, the government in Bonn has insisted that its first priority has been the restoration of full employment.

In practice this has meant Bonn making its first priority the combating of inflation. In pursuing this goal, the government's policy has been crowned with conspicuous success as shown in a decline in the annual rate of consumer price increases in the last few months of last year to below 4 per cent. But what the German Gov-

Frankfurt have tended to forget is that the unemployed are more than mere statistics. A million unemployed means un-told difficulties for the affected families and young people. Herr Vetter is fully aware of this. So far the government, and

particularly the Free Democrat Economics Minister Dr Hans Friderichs, have been happy to see a moderate level of overall economic growth flanked by special programmes intended to occupy or relocate the jobss. At present a multi-year investment programme to im-prove regional and local infrastructure is in preparation but the precedents for it being able to solve the unemployment problem are hardly encouraging.

Next week, the unions can be expected to put forward suggestions aimed at stimulating and possibly steering demand in a more constructive manner Herr Vetter has said he would like to see the economy grow at a real 6 per cent per to offset the effects of indus-trial rationalization and absorb the growing number of young people coming onto the labour market over the next decade as result of the high birth rate in the 1950s.

n the 1950s.

But the unions will not be forward a "proputting forward a "pro-gramme" for full employment such. Nor are they likely to challengs the principles of free competition in German society or the need to hold inflation at bay.

What they will probably try to do is ask whether demand can be stimulated in a more effective way and try to reduce the emphasis placed on the Federal Bank's monetary policy economic development.

to last for four years, and other

BAC umbrelia, who will benefit from the deal, include Plessey,

Lucas, Hawker Siddeley, Laing Wimpey, Calhoune, British Oxy-gen and GEC.

BAC is also thought to be bid-ding for the ministry of defence and aviation hospital in Jeddah,

currently run by America's Whittaker Corporation, whose

contract is coming up for

ment to the Americans in Saudi

Arabia to date is the loss of

the \$300m construction contract

for the new Jeddah inter-national airport, which Brown and Root lost to the West

Five years ago the Saudi market was not as attractive as it is today, and the Americans had convered most of the

situation lasted until about two years ago, when United States supremacy was challenged by

kingdom, either because they

were in urgent need of redress-

ing their balance of payments

after steep increases in the price of oil or because they were attracted by the highly

desirable shopping list to emerge from the Saudis five-

year development plan.

Admitting to a " certain wari-

tions of the anti-Jewish boycott,

Mr Eblam agrees that there is now a danger that the Ameri-

cans will lose even more business as a result of boycon

regulations on both sides. While 1976 was very much

the autumn of America's dis-content in Saudi Arabia, this

year, if things do not improve,

could be the year of rapid

between the Americans and Saudis about the implica-

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German economic miracle The Kaldor Kink

Why after 25 years of un-precedented prosperity and comparative stability did the world economy go off the rails in the 1970s? Explanations abound; and they will doubtless continue to do so as long as economists have breath.

But consensus is far to seek; and any ressonable hypothesis deserves attention. The aban-donment of fixed exchange rates, suddenly increased militancy of trade unions, Opec, the fiscal and monetary irresponsibility of western governments, the mysterious 60-year rhythms of Kondratieff's cycles and even the long-awaited fulfilment of Marx's predictions of capitalist over-production have all been plamed for the trouble. There is even a man who has

been writing to me for 10 years predicting and then explaining disaster as the inevitable consequence of the foreign exchange costs of the British Army on the

The ever fertile Professer Lord Kaldor offers his own explanation in the Economic Journal, where his presidential ddress to the Royal Economic Society last July is reprinted. It is eclectic in that it rejects

any single simple explanation and embraces in a broader pat-tern a number of the factors which others have made the sole or principal causes of the combination of inflation and economic recession which, as Lord Kaldor remarks, "is a new phenomenon the explanation of which presents an intellectual challenge to economists ".

His thesis in brief, as I understand it, is that the source of the trouble lies in the permanent vulnerability of the world economy to any instability, upwards as downwards in comwards or downwards, in commodity prices. We lie always at the angle of a kinked curve and move from it at our peril. The danger was held at bay

for the first two decades after the Korean war by a lucky accident. Political pressures accident. Political pressures from America's farm lobby for income support and from the military lobby for a strategic food reserve led the Government in Washington to operate an unintentional but effection an unintentional but effective world buffer stock in grain.

Under President Nixon the picture changed: . . . if the United States had shown greater readiness to carry stocks of grain (instead of trying by all means to eliminate its huge surpluses by giving away wheat under PL 480 provisions and by reducing output through acreage restrictions) the sharp rises of food prices following upon the large grain purchases by the USSR, which unhinged the stability of the world price level far more than anything else, could have been avoided. (It is obscure in Lord Kal-

(It is obscure in Lord Kaldor's exposition why American policy would have been more stabilizing to world food prices, in the face of soaring demand and falling supply, if they had been less willing to disperse their stocks cheaply or gratis.) fully exposed to nature's, or at least the price mechanism's, remedy for the big rise in monetary demand for food and monetary demand for food and raw materials that developed from the summer of 1972.

This in turn was caused by be "favourable" movement in the terms of trade between manufactured goods and com-modifies to which the worldwide wage explosion in indus-trial countries between 1968 and 1971 had led.

The problem was aggravated by "a great deal of commodity buying as an inflation-hedge ", which was encouraged both by general inflationary expectations and by "the currency upheavals following the formal suspension of the gold course. suspension of the gold conver-tibility of the dollar in August 1971, leading people to use commodities including gold itself as a store of value in the absence of any stable monetary medium.

The quintupling of the price of oil, occurring after commodity prices had already doubled or trebled, was merely the last straw.
The wage inflation of 1968-71

is attributed by Lord Kaldor to a combination of generally "lucreased trade union militancy mainly attributable to the sharply rising deductions from the pay packet for payments of income tax and insurance contributions and a yet-to-be-explained international explosion of "long-smouldering resentment and dissatisfaction which, when matters came to a head in one country, caused to others' Kaldor distinguishes

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menon from the "creeping inflation" of 1953-67, which he attributes to the interaction of "powerful social forces

which make for constancy in relative earnings in different trades and occupations" with the tendency for wages in the so-called dynamic sectors, which set the pace for the rest to run ahead of productivity gains in other less favoured sectors. Throughout, Lord Kaldor

appears to assume either accommodating monetary and fiscal policies, which prevent higher supply prices for labour from causing any unemployment, or a limitless capacity and willingness of manufacturing em-ployers to absorb higher wage costs in reduced profit margins or both (perhaps the second intra-cyclically and the first trans-cyclically).

For all of these reasonstrade union militancy, the abandonment of fixed exchange rates, the failure of American grain stocks to play their former role, Opec, western fiscal and monetary policies—the world economy was by 1973 fully ex-posed for the first time since the 1920s to the natural and "normal" consequences of a consequences of a mismatch between the output of the primary (commodity-producing) and secondary (manufacturing) sectors of the world economy. In that sense Marx's industrial over-production is also embraced in the

Peter Jay **Economics Editor**

These natural and normal consequences, for so long suppressed by good fortune, are the theoretical core of Lord Kaidor's explanation. This rests on the "fundamental proposition that any large change in com-modity pricas—irrespective of whether it is in favour of or against the primary producers—tends to have a dampening effect on industrial activity

In classical theory the terms of trade (that is the relative prices) between these two basic sectors of the world economy, move to preserve the necessary balance between the output of each sector, which being com-plementary to the other, must produce as much but no more then the other is willing and able to absorb. According to Lord Kaldor, however, the mechanism does not work symmetrically.

A relative over-supply primary products causes a fall in their price, which is deter-mined by the level of effective demand, and therefore a fall in primary sector incomes and so a fall in that sector's ability to buy manufactured products.

But a relative under-supply of primary products, while causing a rise in their price, also causes a more than pro-portionate rise in the price of manufactured goods For, their prices are cost-determined; and raw materials (including food for industrial workers) are an industrial input to which customary fixed profit margins are automatically added.

So, whichever way commodity prices move absolutely, they tend, if they move at all, to fall in relation to manufactured prices, thereby cutting primary producers' real incomes and so depressing demand for manufacture/

Moreover, in the second case, where primary prices have initially risen, the governments in indusdustrial countries tend to react to the evidence of rising prices by pursuing deflationary (or at least less than fully accommodating) fiscal and monetary policies, thus reinforcing the phenomenou of inflation and economic recession whose explanation presented the original intellectual challenge

to economists "

The remedy, according to Lord Kaldor, therefore lies in stabilizing commodity prices. To this end he urges the world's governments "to create international buffer stocks for all the main commodities, and to link the finance of these stocks directly to the issue of international currency, such as the special drawing rights, which could thus be backed by, and directly convertible into major directly convertible into, major commodities comprising foods stuffs, fibres and metals."

Inflation and Recession in the Vorld Economo by Professor Lord Kaldor, Economic Journal, December 1976, Cambridge Uni-

Business Diary: Slater, Tarling and Tiger Balm

Business Diary's Ross Davies was at the Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, - Westminster, yesterday, for the opening of the extradition proceedings brought against former Slater, Walker executive chairman Jim Stater and his then associate, Richard

"I do hope this doesn't last too long. I had a Mexican meal last night and I've got Montezuma's revenge", said one of the dozen or so photographers shuffling about in the cold and the wet waiting for Slater to-

The photographer had only a few minutes to wait, however, before Slater came strolling along.

Slater and Tarling, who wrived separately, were to face proceedings brought by the Singapore government over the affairs of the former Slater Walker satellite Haw Par, proceedings expected to take about 11 days.

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Inside the court, Slater, looking more saturnine, met Tarling and as they began to chat to counsel members of the defence began to grumble about the lack of space in the settled down once again in the alongside the 30 or so lawyers



Jim Slater yesterday.

court-some of it taken up by reporters who could find no seats in the press gallery. "We're moving to No Court", boomed an official.
"No press in the well of the court". Slater, Tarling, counsel, rag-tag-and-bobtail accordingly filed out and made their way through the drunks and

motor cycle kids hanging around in the ballway. But as the protagonists

arriving at the entrance to the press gallery were told by an attendant: "It's all locked up and there's probably no seats in there." Nor were there. The scribes duly scuttled off to another

court, mercifully empty, and removed the chairs therefrom. There still was not enough room in No 1 Court and six

in the well. Defence counsel sitting in the front row then asked testily if they could have another table to fill the gap between the one at which they sat and the rail of the bench. An usher, not a whit abashed in the presence of QCs, said firmly: "Not at present, sir-

on the first morning we find out what's necessary and then At last, and 20 minutes late, it was possible for the Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, Kenneth Barraclough, to

Barrackough is a smallish, plump man, who looks severe and speaks very quietly. He and Royald Waterhouse, the QC appearing for the Singapore government, looked at each other over their glasses and Waterbouse rose to his feet from the cubby-hole allotted to the prosecution in a corner to the magistrate's right.

Waterhouse who looks like a younger Lord Boothly, began, sortly but insistently, saying man although much had been said recently about the administration of justice in Singapore ne might be that this was .not referant to the matters now becore this court.

Slarer or Tarling, who sat not in the dock but with their solicitors, in the second row behind their counsel. For much of the morning the tum men were frozen in identi-

the left hand, while the right

This had no visible effect on

scribbled away in exercise Waterhouse's by now familiar Richard Tarling.

httany of Far Eastern share dealings started with the acquisition in 1971 of the SW stake in Haw Par, makers of "the well-known elixir," Tiger

"Tiger what? cut in Barraclough, chairman of the Home Office's Poisons Board and member of many drug advisory bodies.

"Balm," said Waterhouse succinctly. "Oh," replied the magistrate, and Waterhouse continued, only for the lights to go but.

When, a minute or so later. they were restored, Barraclough ignored both the interruption and the tittering from the gallery. Waterhouse began where Slater and Tarling resumed taking notes.



JOHN WADDINGTON LTD INTERIM STATEMENT. Unaudited results for the 28 weeks

Unaudited results for the 28 weeks ended 10th October, 1976.	28 weeks to 10th October, 1976 £880	28 weeks to 12th October, 1975 2000	52 weeks to 26th March, 1976 2000
Sales	18,730	15,026	27,955
Profit before Taxation	2,025	921	1,735
Less: Taxation*	1,095	555	1,031
Profit after Taxation Amount attributable to Minority Shareholders	930 (7)	366 (7)	704 (7)
Profit after Taxation attributable to the Shareholders of John Waddington Ltd.	937	373	711

* The charge for taxation has been calculated at 52% but certain losses of overseas subsidiaries do not give rise to a corresponding tax relief.

TRADING RESULTS

The improvement in trading conditions reflected in the latter part of the last annual result has continued in this year and the company is now showing a return on sales which is similar to the record year of 1974/75.

Demand for packaging has been satisfactory and Plastona (John Waddington) Ltd. is now doing well. In spite of severe competition and the arrival of many more new games than the market can bear, Waddingtons House of Games Ltd. is having a good year. Valentines of Dundee Ltd. sold all its Christmas merchandise and seems to be set to make yet another record profit. In short all the major parts of the

Company are successful.

Capital expenditure has continued during

is now being increased in the hope that profitability will be large enough to allow replacement and modest expansion. However, your directors are aware of the present political attitude to private enterprise and do not intend to undertake any expansion which might make the Company vulnerable. The cash position is good. The Board anticipates that the dividend

the difficult conditions of recent years and

for the whole year will be increased by the maximum permissible (10:,). In order to improve the balance between interim and final dividends the Board has raised the interim dividend from 1.3125 pence per share to 2 pence per share.

Stock markets

Business survey and December reserves shrugged aside doubles at half way

Nervous at first on profit-taking and a cautious business survey, shares railied well in the afternoon session as the pound made progress and the December reserves forware withdrawal of the long "tan" and CH Industrial 2p firmer at 27p. An American stake lifted Anchor Chemical 4p to 45p, while Pauls & Whites were still by the Government Broker's wanted speculatively at 91p, a gain of 30. the afternoon session as the pound made progress and the December reserves figures

Dealers reported that trade was more two-way than of late with the emphasis moving away from the industrial leaders to the second-line issues. The FT Index, 1.2 off at 10 am, gained ground thereafter and, by the close, stood 2.1 up at 3627, a creditable performance in the opinion of most.

BP may soon take a stake in and is raid to be talking to the operating consortium. The field, in block 21/1, looks promising and oil men expect an investment of around £50m by the major. At present the main British interest is through the 8 per cent held by Charter-hall, whose shares trade at around 20p.

Shares with North Sea interests continued to progress and there were also a good number of "situation" stocks. In the fixed-interest market, continuing hopes of a gradual easing of interest rates brought fresh demand but, like equities, trade was more two-way throughout the list.

by the Government Broker's withdrawal of the long "tap" price, gained between one-eighth and one-quarter.
On a comparatively subdued leaders pitch, ICI added 4p to 350p, Courtaulds 3p to 93p and Unilever 2p to 432p. But both Glaxo 405p and Beecham 382p were left unmoved, the last named having been changed at the close only once in the last formight.

Another big name to attract demand was Rank with a rise of 9p to 149p, but GEC were just a penny up at 173p awaiting capital reorganization plans. For a variety of reasons there

were some strong features to were some strong teachers to be found in the paper sector where demand had Reed 9p to the good at 192p and United Newspapers better by 6p to Newspapers better by op to 204p. North Sea hopes gave a lift to Daily Mail "A", up 10p to 220p, while much better than expected figures from games group John Waddington gave the "A" shares an impressive 16p boost to 125p.

Ahead of figures due soon, McCorquodale gained 9p to end The prospect of a Tote monopoly meant that bookmaking issues were left out in the cold with Ladbroke losing 2p to 90p

and Coral lower by 1p to 99p. News of merger talks had Beaver 4p to the good at 41p

gain of 3p.

After a mention here, Barr & Stroud closed 10p to the good at 140p. Other second-liners to feature included Johnson Matthey, up 10p to 317p, Newman Industries 4p to 34p and

Building industry shares again managed to shake off their background gloom and notable were Travis & Arnold, firmer by 6p to 83p, Marchwiel 4p to 118p on continuing bid raik, Ibstock Johnsen 4p to 78p and, ahead of figures due next week, English China Clays week, English China Clays which closed 31p to the good at

Though rhough movements were generally small, shipping shares attracted interest, notably Furness Withy which added 6p to 213p on talk that a Eurocanadian placing of its shares could spark off a full-scale bid. Charles Hill of Bristol soared 12p at the busy movements. 18p to 94p but, more modestly, P & O ended 1/p better at 128 p. After news of an intended expansion, British Car Auctions shed 1/p to 29/p. Other good spots had Sale Tilney 5p better at 102p, Foseco Minsep gaining 4p to 152p, and furniture maker, Gomme Holdings up 11p to

431p. Harrisons & Crostield, the plantations group, closed 13p to

Enthusiasts for Concentric fasten on 1975-76's 67 per cent jump in profits to a record £2.11m; hope for around £2.75m this year; and like the argument that the group has, among other things, a fifth of the world market for lubricating oil pumps used in diesel engines. At 36p, a 1976-77 peak, the yield is still a fair 9.3 per cent. is still a fair 9.3 per cent.

After the strength of recent days, the oil majors had a subdued day with BP ending 4p off at 836p, after 842p, on profit-taking and Shell just a couple of pence to the good at 460p. Tricentrol were a point etter at 106p. In the mining sector, most of

the heavyweight gold issues lost of the heavyweight gold issues lost 50p, or so, behind the metal price. But Selection Trust closed 15p ahead at 465p after some builish Australian news.

With the possibility of a cut on base rates looming nearer, two of the four clearing banks went ahead by 5p. These were Lloyds at 215p and Barclays at 255p, but both National Westminster 228p and Midland 267p ended unchanged on the day.
Among overseas issues, Standard Chartered also put on 5p, to 338p, but HK & Shanghai reacted from its recent gains to

Other good spots on the financial pitches had Gillett are scheduled to come today.

Brothers gaining 7p to 170p,
Arbuthnot Latham better by 5p to 120p and Provident Financial ending 2p ahead at 120p. Normalization of the providence of the provide ending 2p ahead at 120p. Normally volatile, the composite insurance issues were subdued though there were 4p advances from Pearl 196p, Prudential 120p and Royal 298p. Equity & Law went even better adding

6p to 120p.

The possibility of a lower interest rate burden brought selective demand to properties where Hammerson "A" started with a 15p rise to 325p. Chesterfield put on 4p to 145p, Bradford 3p to 121p and Land Securities 2p to 145p.

After encouraging results and a scrip, Ratners ended 4p ahead

In breweries, Wolverhampton & Dudley saw some speculative demand to end several pence to the good at 119p in late trading, while Allied improved to 69p,

at 60p while Esperanza put on another penny to 131p after earlier figures.

were British Leyland, up 3p to 25p, paint maker D. Macpherson 3p to 40p, Caplan Profile 4p to 41p, J. Haggas 10p to 285p and McLeod Russel 6p to 126p.

Where changed, most leaders gained a point or so in afterhours trading. Oils tended easier and properties ran into light profit-taking. News of a bid approach put 8p on Kode International at 57p and shortdated gilts went a little firmer. Equity turnover on January was £62.15m (10,856 bargains) Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, BAT Dfd, ICI. Shell, P & O, Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank, National Westminster Bank, Ultramar, Trust Houses Forte, English China Clay, Ladbroke, English China Clay, Education of the Holdings, Associated Engineering, Rank, Myson, Hammerson "A" and Land Securities.

Latest dividends

	J	WILLE OTT OF			
Сотралу	Ord	Year Pay	Year's	Prev	
and par value)	div	agu date	total	year	
Birmingham Pallet (10p)	4.0	agu date 3.5 7/3	5.3	5.0	
Esperanza Trade (121p) Int	1.8	1.6 16 3	_	4.54	
Ratners (Jewellers) (10p)	0.83	0.68 11/3		2.54	
H. Samuel (25p)	1.1	1.0 31 1	-	5.3	
John Waddington (25p) Int	2	1.31 15.2	6.45*	5.86	
Vinterbottom Trust	2.15	1.92 4'3	3.75	3.5	

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. Fo establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast.

Waddington more than

John Waddington, the Leedsbased manufacturer of games and packaging, has produced its highest ever interim results. Pretax profits for the 28 weeks to mid-October topped the £2m mark against the depressed £921,000 of the corresponding

period last year. The directors expect to pay full-year dividends increased by the maximum to 9.9p a share, to reduce the disparity between the interim and final payments they have decided to increase the interim from 2.02p to 3.08p share. The final will in consequence be reduced.

Sales in the first half year increased from £15.03m to

f18.73m, reflecting a successful performance by all major divisions. Demand for packaging products has been reasonably good, now that destocking has come to an end.

But on the publishing side demand has been very good indeed, with the games subsidiary doing well despite a big increase in competition. The Christmas card publishing subsidiary sold out of stock.

John Waddington is now stepping up spending on plant and buildings. It has allocated film extra, which will come from existing cash reserves. The money is to be spent on several small projects rather than on one major development.

Baker Perkins steps up holding in US subsidiary

Plant and machinery maker
Baker Perkins Holdings has
strengthened its holding in
Baker Perkins Inc of the United
States from 72.6 to about 83
per cent

would also receive \$19.37 for
each share.
In its latest results for the
half-year to September 30 last,
reported last month, BPH pre-

plans to bring about a cash merger of BPI with a subsi-diary of BPH under which

minority holders in BPI stock

buying 134,000 more shares in BPI from members or relatives of the Courad W. Petersen family at \$10.35 a share.

Baker Perkins Holdings also plans to bring about a cush werger of BPI with

their exports. Overseas manu-facturing had a 17 per cent rise

Caravans Internat'l pauses for breath

By Ashley Druker

Back in form in 1975-76 after
two rough years, Caravans Interducts combines a better specifithe preceding 12 months.

This time round Mr Sam

Line Kingdom range of products combines a better specification with keen pricing. The group is in good trim to take advantage of the apparent upin line with the £2.1m pre-tax in the preceding 12 months.

Exports too are looking up. Alper, chairman, hopes for better things at home. The reshaping in the United Kingdom manufacturing activities and their dependent European marketing operations has been com-

received overseas and exports should show a "substantial" increase over last year's £6.4m. The German companies are also looking for increased sales both on their own home market and

Belgrave's new career comes under attack

A fight has broken out be-tween Messrs J. N. Oppenheim and Calonder who direct Bel-grave Assets, a small investment trust, whose shares are suspended, and holders of just over a tenth of the trust's

The holders want an extra-

its authorized trust status.

Mr Oppenheim says that the

with the board, he says, they should replace it. pected to be even better. The whole of 1975 brought in The chairman reminds them of his annual statement. There he argued that Belgrave should £348,000 £443,000. against a

seek non-tradititional investments which could benefit a group with a small equity base. ordinary meeting to consider a Belgrave would relinquish resolution that Belgrave keeps authorized status to give it the necessary freedom and take an interest in Kellock Factors. The

Beaver Gp and C H Industrials rise on merger talks

The boards of CH Indus £41.4m after general research trials and Beaver Group are and development expenditure talking about a merger. Share- of £21.9m against £15.2m. holders will be kept informed, a joint statement says. Before the news Beaver shares

serore the news heaver shares were 35p, up 2p, valuing the group at \$916,000, while CH, the old Coventry Hood & Sidescreen, stood at 25p for a market worth of £1.07m. News of the talks pushed Beaver 4p higher to 41p and CH hardened 2p to 27p. This gives a combined capitalization of £2.23m. Trading at Beaver, a paint, building chemicals and management services group, in the six months to June 30 was disappolaring. Pre-tax profits shrank from £160,000 to £119,000. However, a better second helf was expected. Over the whole of 1975, pre-tax profits fell from a record £454,000 to £286,000. At CH the first half saw a turnround from losses of £56,000 to a profit of £226,000 before tax, and the second half was ex-

Wellcome jumps 58pc

An increase of 36 per cent to £290m in sales at Wellcome Foundation for the year to August 28, includes £21m from company's solicitors consider board would then apply for retained the directors would not be listing. Kellock Holdings has obliged to comply with such a 16½ per cent of Belgrave's going chairman says that real professional Indemnity to progress was made. Pre-tax operate at once as a Lloyd's shareholders are dissatisfied out in a few weeks

Mr Gray forecasts "further progress " under the new chairman, Mr A. J. Shepherd.

Scrip by Ratners in boom year

A one for two scrip issue and a forecast of a bumper year sent the sheres in Ramers (Jewellers) up 3p to 60p. Branch expansion and aggres-sive marketing" meant a 29 per cent rise to £4.3m in turn-over but one of only £13,000 to \$275,000 in process, profile in £375,000 in pre-tax profits in the six months to October 6. But this is better than it looks because last year's figures took in the VAT concession boom. The second half year is the key one for Ratners because it includes Christmas, and it outstanding ".

was "outstanding".
The directors expect record profits this year to go against the £919,000 of 1975-76 and the old peak of £1.08m the year Expension continues, and in

March the group plans to open its first branch in Europe at

C. T. Bowring

1976 \$'000

14,483

6,646

(598)

1975 £000

13,103

6,237

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6,287

3,261

3,026

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It will handle the professional indemnity insurance now will be called on Friday to conin the London-based companies sider it. of C. T. Bowring (Insurance)

Holdings, in the United King-dom, Europe and Africa. This company, will also be responsible for managing the Bowring group's interest in two associated companies—London Insurance Brokers and RICS

Bid approach lifts Kode Int shares

A jump of 8p to 57p in the shares of Kode International greeted the news of a bid approaching. At 57p the group valued at £1.8m. The board, headed by Mr Colin Banks—the founder who regained the chair last April-

advises shareholders to do noth-ing until there is a further an-BCA plans to bid for

Nationwide Leisure

British Cer Auction Group is to bid for Nationwide Leisure, which owns undeveloped property and has interests ranging from caravan sites to a Dawnbroking chain in Scotland.

The terms of one BCA share

value each share at 9.8p and the group at £618,000.

The offer is being made with the knowledge of Nationwide's stake held by GRA.

Business appointments

US group to take a 14pc stake in Anchor

The board of Anchor Chemical has agreed that Sartomer Industries Inc will subscribe for 400,000 new ordinary shares in Anchor at 45p a share. Bank of England permission has been granted.

The share issue representing 14 per cent of the Anchor capital as enlarged, will further the existing relationship between Sartomer and Anchor". Mr H. K. Justi, pre-sident of Sartomer will be invited to join the Anchor board.

Family sidesteps Coral Leisure

The Chandler family, conrolling shareholders in Walthamstow Stadium, has out-flanked Coral Leisure Group in the fight to own Walthamstow Stadium. This came in the news that GRA Property Trust, which ran into financial problems through its involvement in property, has sold its one-third interest in Walthamstow to the Chandlers for more than

Swissair set to rally after 1975 downturn

exceeded the previous record of 220m francs, in 1974, the group said in Zurish. Detailed results will be published at the end of this month.

But he was unable to comment on reports that a bigber 1976 dividend will be proposed, possibly restoring it to its p.2-vious level of 30 france after the cut to 20 francs in 1975.

Overseas

The bigger 1976 earnings arose both from a surprisingly good traffic increase and cost

In 1975 Swissair's gross profit fell from 220m to 195m francs. Net profits dropped from 43m to 25m francs.—Reuter.

French computer link-up

Cap-Sogeti computer services relations and advertising. Cap-Sogeti is the biggest French concern in the field, and the enlarged group will have a turn-

Profits in 1976 for Swissair over of about 350m francs

Franc impedes Sandoz advance

Swiss chemical group Sandor AG reports 1976 earnings in line with 1975's 145m francs and 1974's 185m francs. Turnover was about 4 per cent above 1975's 3,900m francs, the group added in Basie.

year as stocks were rebuilt, especially in dyestuffs and chemicals, developed only slowly in the second six months. The dear Swiss franc also continued to be a prob-

concentration on expansion abroad, particularly in the United States.

King and Chicago Dietetics will raise the American share of group turnover from 18 per

group has bought a 51 per cent cent to 26 per cent this year.

stake in the Bossard Group.

Bossard specializes in public year by 14 per cent but profits failed to return to pre-1974 levels. The bulk of these products are Swiss made in dear <u>francs.—Reuter.</u>

Lloyds and Scottish A Further Year of Growth

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT STATEMENT

Group profit after taxation and minority interests

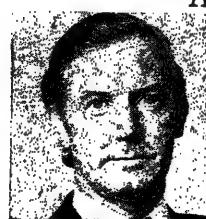
Profit after extraordinary items attributable to

Group profit before taxation

Extraordinary items

Lloyds and Scottish Ltd.

Profit retained in the Group



Earnings per share George Duncan, Chairman Main points from the

Chairman's Statement

*Group profit before tax amounted to £14.5 million compared with £13.1 million in 1975—an increase of 10.5%.

*INDUSTRIAL AND

*INSTALMENT CREDIT

AND LEASING DIVISION

COMMERCIAL DIVISION

—Growth in volume of corporate business tied to a published base rate. --- Volume increased during second half of year.

 Higher profits from distribution, factoring and recent acquisitions. *Dividends per share have increased to 3.53337p, the maximum permitted under the provisions of the Counter Inflation legislation on company dividends, from 3.22615p last year. The year's dividend is covered 1.85

*FUTURE PROSPECTS

—Diversification of the Group's activities has strengthened its ability to produce a creditable performance in spite of adverse economic circumstances. The principal involvement of the Group continues, however, to be in the instalment finance industry and events of the past few weeks make it hazardous to comment on the prospects for the current year.

Since the end of our financial year, there have been increases in the minimum lending rate and the Bank of England has introduced a credit control on banks and deposit-taking finance houses. These factors will affect demand and the prospects for growth. We enter the New Year, therefore, in a climate of uncertainty. Over the years, however, the Group has had to face similar situations and has weathered the storms well; I am confident that it will continue to do so.



Lloyds and Scottish Limited

New advisory member on Unilever NV board

Dr Dieter Spethmann has been made an advisory member of the board of Unilever NV.

Mr Norman Wakefield is to become managing director and chief executive of V. J. Lovell (Holdings) in April 1. Mr P. H. P. Lovell and Mr A. W. Davies will resign as joint managing directors in March, but remain on the board. Mr Wakefield has been managing director of Holland, Hannen & Cubits.

Cubitts.

Mr Gerald Perutz, managing director of Bell & Howell, has become executive vice-president of Bell & Howell Co, Chicago, with

operations.

Mr J. McLeod has been made chairman of Sabah Timber, succeeding Mr H. G. C. Townsend, who has retired. Sir Leonard Paton has also retired.

Group Captain Hugh Dundas is now a director of Wembley Stadium.

stadium.

Mr Alan Moody has been appointed group financial director and secretary of I. C. Harrison. Mr P. H. T. Hanson has joined the board of Smith Bulmer. The following group appointments have been announced by Barton & Sons: Mr S. B. Johnson as managing director of Wright Anderson; Mr H. W. Day as managing director of Walton & Co (Wolverhampton): Mr A. J. Stanley as managing director of Barton Handling Systems: Mr H. L. Eveson as an additional director of Walton & Co (Wolverhampton).

Mr J. F. D. Wood and Mr J. F. Bedford have joined the board of Chamberlain Group.

Mr B. C. Smith is to become a full-time member of the British Gas Corporation. He succeeds Mr J. A. Buckley, who retired recently, as member for marketing. Mr R. M. Jacquest and Mr R. J. Dowds have joined the board of MacFisheries.

Mr J. M. Bozman has been made executive chairman of the newly-formed C. T. Bowning Professional Indemnity. Mr W. H. Batchelor and Mr R. Gladwell become joint managing directors. Other board members are Mr R. V. Craig and

and Mr R. Gladwell become joint managing directors. Other board members are Mr R. V. Craig and Mr A. D. Johnson.
Mr L. S. F. Charles, deputy managing director of British Aluminium has been elected president of the Aluminium Federation.

Mr Perceld Concern has been

Federation.

Mr Ronald Copeman has been appointed general manager in charge of the London branch of Investitions and Handelshank AG of Frankfurt, in succession to Mr W. D. Wickenden, who has retired. Mr Alan Bridgett is the new managing director of Holsten Distributors. Mr Demais Dickinson, Herr Erwin Hinz and Herr Walter Sautter are to become additional directors. rectors. Mr Herbert Shaw has been made director of B. Meljor & Son.



Mr Wakefield Mr Perutz

Mr Herbert Morley is now chairman of Bridon Wire in succession to Mr J. E. Barnwell. Mr Morley has taken over as chairman of Templeborough Rolling Mills from Mr Harry Smith, Bridon's chairman.

Mar Philip O'Donoghue has betome executive chairman of Anglo
Irish Bank. Also joining the board
are Mr John Donovan, Mr Patrick
Kennedy, and Mr Dermot Shornall.
Dr Jim Smith and Mr Arthur
Rimmer have been appointed to
the board of Fibrocem.
Mr T. J. Thomas has been made
director. Consumer group, Donion. director, consumer group, Dunlop, He succeeds Mr C. D. T. Collins who is taking up another post in Dunlop.

builor.

Mr Geoffrey Newman has joined the board of Industrial Executive Training Centre.

Mr G. J. Gibb has become a director of Stewart Wrightson (Surety & Specie). Mr M. W. Davies, Mr G. F. Tapping, and Mr B. J. Douglas have been made directors of Stewart Wrightson (South Eastern).

Mr Terry Bird is now corporate treasurer for the Bowater Scott Corporation.

Mr Norman Nash has been made a director of Wilfred Edmunds.

Mr Romald Adam, Mr John

a director of Wilfred Edmunds.

Mr Ronald Adam, Mr John
Chatwin and Mr Eric MacLaurin
have joined the board of Culter
Guard Bridge Holdings.

Mr Kenneth Brierley is now a
director of Neepsend.

Mr Frank Pedler is to join the
boards of Reliance Mutual Insurance, the British Life Office and
Reliance Fire and Accident Corporation.

Mr P. J. Davis bas joined the
board of James Austin Steel Holdings.

ings.

Mr A. Ebel and Mr D. J.

Knott have joined the board of

Gresham House Estate.

Mr T. Wilson has joined he

board of York Trust.

Miss P. A. Erith and Mr R. F.

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Mr J. . Hall has been made a director of Safeguard Industrial Investments.

Mr N. Burdon has become personnel director and Mr F. B. ardner a director of Simon-Harting.

Briefly

BLACK & EDGINGTON Group to buy Continental Tent Hire and Sales Service (Fareham) for £90,000 in cash and shares.

TELFER Second distribution on ordinary of 2p a share, making 6p a share, payeble Jan 24.

British Cinematograph Theatres reports turnover for half-year to July 31 down from £1.32m to £1.14m, including VAT. Pre-tax profits fell from £59,000 to £7,000. Year's results should be much better and smoke communications. much better and amply cover usual

MATTHEW BROWN

Ms C. J. Ainscough, chairman, reports that trade after eight weeks of current year has held up well, despite general price increase in October. Indeed, it is "marglually up" on lest year.

WHITECROFT-HANSON The stake of 25,000 shares in Whitecroft referred to yesterday, was not bought by Hanson Trust, out by Laing & Cruikshank, broker to Whitecroft, It bought 20,000 at 130p for associates, and 5,000 for discretionary lavestment cuents.

PHOENIX ASSURANCE Net new annual premiums for 1976 were £11.6m (£10m). In addition, single premiums were E3.9m (£1.8ml. New annuites, £13.1m (£10.1m). New sams assured, £1.194m, an increase of 24 per cent.

PLESSEY

Third quarter figures 1976-77 to be announced on Thursday, Janu-uary 27. MONTFORT (KNITTING MILLS)
Stake of Master Securities and
Mr Raphael Djanogly in ordinary
raised from 14.65 per cent to 18.4

CAPLAN PROFILE
Final 2.79p, making 4.29p ner
again, or 6.5p gross. Turnover
£3.1m (£2.7m). Pre-tax profit,
£437,821 (£463.305). Turnover
now up on year ago and profit
should benefit.

GOLDEN HOPE Cazenove has bought 100,655 GH Plantations at 81p for Harrisons & Crosfield. Kien Huat Realty

Sales, which had advanced strongly in the opening half

The group is countering this with only "modest" new investment in Switzerland and

Recent takeovers of Northrup

with associates bought 15,400 GHP at 75p.

BRICKHOUSE DUDLEY
Brickhouse Dudley, manufacturers and distributors of drainage products for the building and
civil engineering industry, has
purchased the pattern equipment
and goodwill, for cash, of A. C.
Woodrow & Co of Beckenbam.
Kent.

WOLVERHAMPTON & MERCIA WOLVERHAMPTON & MERCIA
On December 31, the new
Wolverhampton & Mercia Building
Society came into being. The
result of a merger between four,
long-established and reputable
building societies—Wolverhampton
Building Society, Mercia Building
Society of Wednesbury, Bebbing
ton Building Society of Liverpool
and the Midland Permanent
Building Society of Cradley Heath
—the society begins life under its
uew name with assers in excess of
£100m.

H. SAMUEL After 11 months of current year, board expects results for full year will again be "satisfactory" and will justify increasing dividend by maximum. First gross-interim raised from 1.53p to 1.63p.

CHARTERHALL FINANCE Charterhall Finance Holdings has completed the acquisition of Norminol (UK) for a consideration of £250,036 in cash. Norminol is directly concerned in exploration in UK offshore areas and its main asset is a one-third of 1 per cent working interest in Licence P241 North Sea covering blocks 21/1 and 21/6. The Buchan Field is located in block 21/1.

BPC's US move

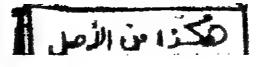
Macdonald Educational, part of British Printing Corporation, is forming a new United States publishing company to be owned jointly with Raintree

Publishers of Milwaukee, Wis-The new company Macdonald. Raintree Inc, which has acquired the assets of BPC's United States subsidiary, Purnell Educational, New York, will be under the management of Raintree and will operate from Milwaukee. It will have two divisions: Purnell Reference Books and Macdonald-Raintree Juvenile Books.

Bank statements for December

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their banking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man made up to December 8 are summarized in the table below.

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		WS AND MARKE	ET REPORTS			<u>-</u>			
etha			272.5-76.0; Dec. 277-80; March, 289- 86; May, 288-94; July, 288-96, Sales, 55 lots	Foreign	Discount market	TY W.C.	Jug Jug 5 4	Jan Jun S 4	3m 3
ay	New Life Business	Commodities	JUTE was quiet. Eanglidean white "C" grade, Jan-Feb, \$392 per 10ng ton. "D" grade, Jan-Feb, \$370. Cal- catta was stoady. Indian. spot, R:505 per bale of 400hs, Dunder Tossa Four, spot, R:506.	Exchange The dollar galact ground against	Credit conditions on Lombard Street yesterday proved to be a little less tight than had been amicipated, although the Bank of	Wall Street	Allied Stores 45 454 2 Allied Supermit 34 34 C Allie Chalmers 26 26 26	Fat Penn Corp 164 164 164 164 164 164 164 164 164 164	Republic Steel 32% Reynolds lud 66% Reynolds Metal 38% Rockwell Int. Royal Dutch 52%
ho on	istal Natur	COPPER was barely steady.—After- noon.—Cash wire bars, £801-802 a motric ton: three months, £835.50- 36.00, Sales, 7.000 tons. Cash	GRAIN 'The Baltic). — WHEAT. — Argentino milling, Jan-Feb £72.50 Irane-shipment mast coact. LEC feed: Jan £84.25 cmi or south coast. EEC	Contract of the second	England was still required to assist the market on a moderate scale. The authorities bought a small amount of Treasury bills	New York, Jan 5.—For the third consecutive day New York stock prices closed sharply lower in	Amerada Hags 824 374 C Am Airlines 144 144 C Am Brands 454 454 6	len Dramics 53 55%, len Electric 57% 55%, len Facds 29 29%, len Instrument 192 20 len Mills 32% 33% len Motors 75% 76%	St Regis Paper 374 Santa Fe Ind 374
been reason it destocking it. publishing	Legal & Gen	55.00. Sales, 7.000 tons, Cash Lathodes, 2788-90.00 three montus, 1282-20.50. Sales, 2.950 tons (all carries). Morrang,—Cash wire bars, 2806.50-807.00; three months, 28.00-41. Settlement, 2807. Sales, 9,300 tons (all carries). Cash cathodes, 1792:50-93.00; three months, 2825.50-27.00. Settlement, 27.5. Sales, 450 tons (about half carries).	MAZE,—No 3 yellow American/French: Jun 281.50; Feb 284.50 cast coast. BARLEY:—EEC feed/Canadian No 2 cyclon: Jan 281.50 rost coast. All per ionno cif UK unless stated.	2.3490/3500 to the dollar com- pared with the Frankfurt fix of 2.3475 while other Continental cur-	from the banks and houses, as well as corporation bills directly from the houses, and also lent a	active trailing. The Dow Jones industrial average has not closed in the black since the end of last year, when	Am Elec Power 254 254 C Am Home 301 312	len Pub Util XY 1912 1914 len Tul Elec 3112 3114 len Tire 294 257 lenesco 54 64	Seatt Paper 234 Seaboard Coast 334 Seatram 234
oeen very	E DIUZIUSS III	2792:50-93.00: three months, £825.50- 27.00. Settlement, £7:55. Salen, 450 tons (about half carries). SILVER was quietly sendy.—Rullion market (fixing levels).—Sport, £56.5n	ionno cif UK unless states. London Gaita: Flures Market (Catta), EDC origin. — BARLEY was steady: Ism ESO. 85: Mayer ESS. 55: May ESO. 15: Sept. 250. 25: New E. 2. 2. 26. CSO. 15: Sept. 250. 25: New E. 2. 2. 26.	rencies followed it lower. The Relgian convertible franc moved with the mark to close at 35.89/91 in dollar terms	moderate sum overnight to four or five houses at MLR (141 per cent), again for purely rechnical reasons.	it rose to 1004.65. Today's loss of 9.81 points put the average at 978.06. Over the past three trading days, the indus-	Am Nat Res 43½ 44½ 0 Am Standard 28½ 28½ 0 Am Telephone 63 63½ 0 AMF Inc 20½ 21	Setty Off 3974 1934 Miletta 27 274 Soudrich 264 264 Soudyear 229 232 Sould Inc 284 294 Stace 299 294 LAUIC & Pacific 129 244	Shell Trang 31 2 Signal Co 24% 2
d publishing at of stock	PENSIONS An increase in world wide life	SILVER was quietly sendy.—Rullon market (fixing ievels).—Spot. 256.59 a 100 y annew (United Saitos ting fixing in the part of	256.15: Sept 250.25: Nov 250.85: Sales: 103 fest. WHIGHT was steady; lan 251.25: March 256.50: May 255.25: Nov. 255.25. Sales: 129 lots. Home-grown Careal Authority's recition exylars boot prices:	The French franc, which is still supported by the high cost of day-to-day finance in the currency, closed at 4.9380/9400 to the dollar	The opening was rather uncer- tain with some clearers calling and others slightly in funds. Rates bobbed up and down between 141	trial composite has plummeted about 27 points, due mainly to profit taking. Volume totalied 25,010,000	Armico Steet 314 324 (0 Asareo 17 182 (0 Ashland Oli 342 344 (0 Atlante Richfield 564 564 (0	3race 29, 20, 3t Auto & Pacific 134, 144 3reyhound 154, 154, 3rumman Corn 174, 174	Sperry Rand 40
dington is pending on	and pensions new business is no reported by Legal and General plan Assurance Society, Britain's Care second largest life assurance 1976	67.1p; seven months, 279-80.0p. Sales, 27 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each, Morning, Cash, 257.3-57.60;	Societies ex-farm spot prices: Non-bread enilling Food enilling Food wheat wheat shares East So E80.50 Shrops E85.30 E80.50 SO 90 MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatslock	against the overment 4.9300/15, dealers said. Sterling closed at \$1.7190, a gain of 25 points on the day. The	and 14½ per cent interbank early on, but came down at lunchtime to match the 14½ per cent being paid in the secured market.	shares, compared with 22,740,000 yesterday.	Bankers Tet NY 30 38 E Bank of America 28 2 20 4 E Bank of NY 37 374 E	Tulf & West 17% 18% 16 16 17% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18% 18	Std Oil Califnia 39% Std Oil Indiana 562 Std Oil Ohio 742 Sterling Drug 364
tash reserve	totalled f86.4m (f81.5m).	TIN was stoady.—Alternoon.—Standard cash, £5,230-35 a metric ton; three	prices at representative markets on January 5.—GB: Cattle 60,23p per	" effective devaluation " rate was 43.9 per cent. United Kingdom December re-	The authorities' programme of help (reckoned to have just about come up to market requirements) enabled final balances to be found	Gold down by \$3.50 Chicago, Jan 5.—Gollo futures closed stamply lower in active trading. On the Comez prices were \$5,20 to \$5.50 loyer, Prices on the DM range.	Beatrice Poods 374 372 1 Bell & Howell 187, 184 1 Bendix 427 4372 1 Bethlahem Steel 384 374 1 Boeing 444 444 1	nland Steel 52 51½ BM 273½ 273 nt Harvestor 32¼ 32½ NCO 32½ 33	Sunbeam Corp 242
	accounted for E59.2m against E59.9m. Mr. Ron Peet, chief	can't serieson so' trad Mordis' 53'44'8.	Cattle numbers down 27.8 per cent, average price 59.35p (-0.55). Sheep numbers down 40.6 per cent, average price 125.6p (-2.1). Pig numbers up 40.2 per cent, average price 50.7p	serve figures showing a tall of just over \$1,000m despite repay- ment of over \$1,500m from last year's international standby credit,	at the slightly easier levels of 131- 14 per cent. An excess of Gov- ernment disbursements over	Chicago, Jan 5.—GOLD futures closed starpty lower in active trading. On the Comez perices ware \$3,20 to \$5.50 lower. Prices on the IMM ranged from \$3.10 in \$3.50 lower. NY COMEX. Jan. \$132.90; Feb. \$133.20; Sep. \$135.00; June. \$135.00; Aug. \$135.50; Oct. \$137.80; June. \$135.70; June. \$135.7	Borden 32- 32- 1 Borg Warner 30- 31 J Bristol Myers 67-2 674 J RP 14- 14- 14- J	pt Paper 67 66% and rei Tel 33% 33% sewel Co 33% 33% 33% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35% 35%	Treversizion n.d :
up	executive, said that the record pensions figure for 1975 had included one exceptionally large scheme which, as already re-	£5,310-12. Scittement, £5,236. Sales, nil loris. Singapars in ex-works, SM1.324.50 a picul. LEAD was sreare. — Afternoon.—Cas's. 2302-300 a metric lon; three months.	numbers down 40.6 per cent, average price 12.5; pt -2.11. Plg numbers up 40.2 per cent, average price 50.7p (-3.1p). Scotland: Carlle numbers up 6.2 per cent, average price 61.98p 1-0.081. Sheep numbers up 6.2 per cent, average price 12.2p 1-0.81. EGGS (The London Eng Exchange).	suggesting the Bank of England had bought in dollars on a fairly large scale these mouth, spurred little trading interest.	revenue transfers to the Ex- chequer, and a further drop la note circulation were the only identified factors working in favour of the market.	\$135.70-134.00: Jms 5135.30- 135.60: Sept. \$136.80: Dec. \$138.70- 138.80 bid: March, \$141.20 bid. SILVER.—ruturas ander a spiritiess session with losses of 2.20 tp 2.80	Rectination Inc. 99 30% IR	obuson & John 78% 77 salzer Alumin 362 362 senecott 272 37% terr McGae 69 66% subberly Clark 41% 42% trattec Cark 42% 43% trattec Sal 36%	Travelers Corp 35
liary	ported, Legal and General had not expected to match in 1976.	1202-203 a metric ton: three months. C211, 1-2-16, 26 Soven, 1, 1272 tons. C212, 1-2-16, 26 Soven, 1, 1272 tons. C212, 1-2-16, 2705-26, 2005 three months. 2318, 201-10, 100. Settlement. 2306, 20 Sales, 4, 025 tons. ZIMC was steady.—Attendom.—Cash. 2399-200 a moute ton: three months.	EGGS (The London Eng Exchange) — In horse-produced R is proving hard to assess the post-holiday market but with adequate supplies of all grades, prices have based. In imported no univals have been reported. Home-produced market prices in S., based on trading packer/limit-hand): Tas/wei	Gold lost \$1.75 to close in London at \$133.75.	Money Market	70b 440 SGC: March 323 SGC: May 446 SGC: July 450 TGC Sept. 455 SGC: Dec. 462 IUC Jn. 464 SGC: March 459 20c: May 473 SGC: Handy and Harman 459 SGC (precious 442 SGC).	Company South 14's 162 L Charter MY 28's 28's L Chase Manhart 30's 30's L	Jeger Group 35 344 Leger Group 35 344 LT.V. Corp 134 13 Jiton 144 144	Unionamerica 14s Union Bancorp 23 1 Union Carbido 594 6 Union Oil Calif 574 5
t results for	Refuge Assurance Net new annual premiums on the life assurance business in 1976	ZIMC was strady,—Aternoon.—Cash. 2399-400 a metric ten; three months. 2416-16.50. Sairs, 1.350 tens. Morn- ing.—Cash. 2402-103; three months. 2419-19.50. Stylement, 2403. Saio. 5,500 tens (mainly carries). Producers' price 5795 a metric ten. AH aternoon metal prices are unofficial.	White Large 3.65 to 5.80 to 5.70 Medium 2.80 to 3.40 to 3.50 to 5.70 Medium 2.80 to 3.40 to 3.50 to 5.70 Medium 2.80 to 3.45 a.10 to 3.35 Small 2.80 to 3.40 to 3.00 to 3.45 a.10 to 3.35	Spot Position of Sterling	Rates Bank of England Windows Leviling Rate 18-48 (Last thingset 24/12/76) Clearing Banks Sure Rate 1456	SA 408 (previous Can\$4.482). COPPER, Futures closed strady drawn 40 points on 4.342 lots, Jan, 52.50c; Pab. 63.90c; March, 63.50c; May, 64.20c; July, 63.10c; Sept, 66.40a;	Chrysler 19% 20% M Chicarp 32% 32% M Cities Service 57% 59% (N	ockneed 55 95 acky Stores 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 155 15	Un Pacific Corp 1004 16 Unitroyal United Brands 64 United Brands 114 United Brands 114 US Industries 74 US Steel 484
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	Net new sum assured for 1976 streed 222-9m (fill-3m) and net 1976 street 2267,000 (£282,000).	22 day regrape 135.98 (US cents per lb); per lb); SUGAR fotures were easier. The London daily price of "raws" was 54 lower at £159 and the "whites"	nounces the following figures for last year: Sums assured, £173m (£141m). Single premiums, £19.6m (£6.4m). Annual premiums, £2.73m	Bedrid Sciller day off-Trie digu. Miles, 20-30 r dae 28-40 r dae Calo Pe-Serre prem. 28-40 r dae Perig S-Pe-prem. Ge-Serre prem. Venne 20-20 prem. Se-Serre prem. Canadian dellar raie (against US dellar).	Interheuk Martot (%)	661c: Nov. 640-uie: Jan. 645-e: March. 650-e. 80VABRAN OIL.— Jan. 90.28-27c: March. 20.56-55c: May, 20.85-80c: July, 21.00-20.95c: Aus. 21.02c: Sept. 21.05c: Oct.	Exten Corp El Paso Nat Gas 144 144 P Equitable Life 36 259 P Equitable Life 36 259 P Exten Corp Exten Corp Fed Dept Rorses 475 484 P Frestune 275 284 P Frestune 275	apid American, 44 44	Thronson N A 124 1
mpedes	SCOTTISH EQUITABLE Scottish Equitable Life Assur- mce Society amounces record new business for 1976, New Innual premiums at £9.6m are 14	## 213.60-15.65 per metric inn; Maych, £115.60-15.65 per metric inn; May £123.60-23.76; Ana. £131.70-31.75; Oct. £136.10-35.15; Dec. £140-40.25; March, £145.55-43.70; May £145-47.75; May £14	(£2.46m).	Consider delice rate (applied UK delice), the considering delice rate (applied UK delice), the considering deposits (%) units, di-fic serves duy, di-fic cat months, di-fic six months,	Numer Sense Rane Rate 1996	20c: March, 21.20-05c. 80VABEAN MEAL.—Jan: 8207.00-6-70: March, 8210.00: May 8210-40-0.10: July 8208.30: Aug. 8206.00: Sept. 8195.00: 5.8: 0pt. 8184.80; Dec. 8184.20-4.00:	Firestone ZN ZN R Frg Chicago 215 22 R Frst Nat Boston 289; 2892 R • Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distrib	nytheon 874 E44 CA Corp 264 269 utlem, h Bid. k Market Close	1 " 4 "
advan	initial premiums at £9.6m are 14 Coper cent up on 1975. New sums assured were £177m (£166m). New. Inmittee per annum, £32.3m	2150.20-52.30; June. £152.60-53.00; Aug. £150.76-52.00; Oct £150.60 51.00; Dec. £146.60	Recent Issues Dunford Elliest 10% Car Pf (15%) Essex Wy Vg 1601 () Tate and Lyn 13% Car olde Toughting Elliest Wir Vg Pf (15%) Willio Palued Wir Vg Pf (15%) Willio Palued Wir Vg Pf (15%)	Gold Stradt am, 3134 fm concert pm, 3139.05. Fregerrand (per coint non-resident, 3137-139 (250-11; resident, 3137-130 (250-11).	Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index on European thare prices was put provi-	CHICAGO GRAINS, WHEAT, WAREN, 1975.	Foreign suchange.—Sterlin 1.71D (1.710): three mont (1.6683): Canadian dolls (99.53).	s. spot. 978.06 hs. 1.6671 233.21 (f r. 99.65 (fred.75). New York	(987.87); transports 235.46); utilities, 10 %) stocks, 518.75 (321. Stock Exchange index, 5 traustrinis, 61.72 (63. 167.42.19 (42.54); utilities 41.09); financisi.
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it 4 our cent francs, the	New net annual premium income or assurances was £1.66m £1.47m). New net annual premium	Eurobond prices (midday indicators)		Autho	rized Units, Insur	ance & Offshore	Funds		
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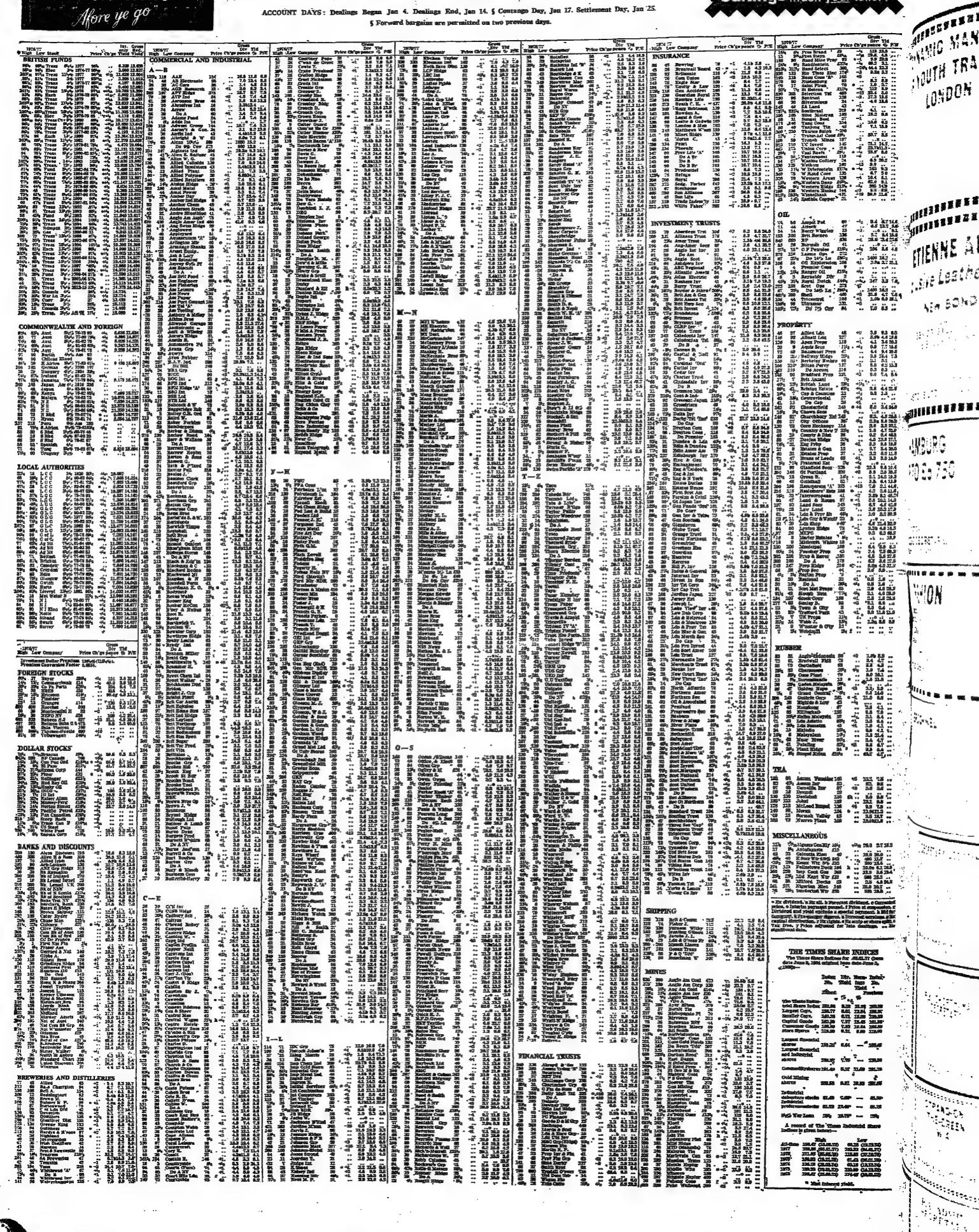
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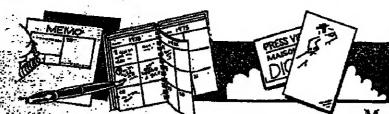
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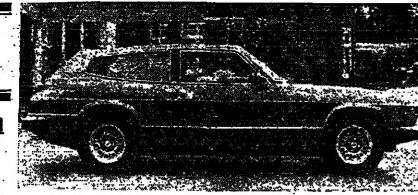
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